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Re-elected MP at heart of government negotiations

By Paul Crompton

WEST Dorset's re-elected MP was at the heart of negotiations over the future of Britain's government just hours after securing his fourth consecutive win.

Tory MP Oliver Letwin said he would not celebrate regaining his parliamentary seat with a glass of champagne after fighting off a strong Lib Dem candidate in this year's general election.

Having increased his majority of 3,923 votes, a clearly relieved Mr Letwin drove to London to meet David Cameron MP and other Conservative colleagues straight after the declaration on Friday, May 7th.

This year saw the former Shadow Home Secretary gain his biggest majority to date, securing 47.6 per cent of the electorate's vote.

In his fourth consecutive win, Mr Letwin – who has held a seat in the constituency for 13 years - increased his 2005 count by 1,462 to finish with 27,287 votes.

Overall voter turnout may have been down by 1.8 per cent with a total of 57, 334 of the constituency's electorate turning out – but it still remained one of the countries highest at 74.7 per cent.

All ballot boxes were sent to Dorchester's Thomas Hardye Sports Leisure Centre for the official count.

A total of 1,543 postal votes were not lodged in time for the count, with only 9,778 of the sent forms received by the 10pm closing deadline.

Following the declaration, a visibly pleased Mr Letwin said: "It's always a relief to hear you have won. I've learnt over the years in every single election not to pay too much attention to the predictions. That is why I have to work for every single vote.

"For 13 years I've worked so hard but I think a large number of people have voted for a change of government. I'm not under the illusion it was a personnel thing; people were making an issue of wanting a change.

"I'm not going to celebrate this win. I'm getting into a car to go to London to meet with Cameron and my other colleagues. I won't be raising a glass of champagne yet."

The other big story surrounded UKIP's Oliver Chisholm who increased the party's vote by 1,112 to gain 2,196 (3.8 per cent) of the vote.

West Dorset had been identified as a key Lib Dem constituency seat, however the past fortnight's enthusiasm for the party did not manifest itself in the polling station.

A hard fought seat saw Sue Farrant increasing the Lid Dem's vote by 1,062 to finish with 23,364 (40.8 per cent) of the vote.

Both Labour and the Green Party lost votes with, respectively, Steve Bick losing 309 votes to finish with 3,815 (6.7 per cent) and Sue Greene 277 votes to finish with 675 (1.2 per cent).

SEE page eight for coverage of the election count



CRUNCH TIME: election staff count the ballot papers



RELIEVED: A hard fought battle saw Oliver Letwin, MP, hold his seat for the fourth time

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DORSET'S NEW WEEKEND DIGITAL EXCLUSIVE NEWSPAPER

BEAMINSTER PCSO Alex Bishop, 26, has been on the beat in the town for three years.

Originally from Ilminster, Alex had always dreamt of joining the police force and seized the opportunity to fill the PCSO role in Beaminster.

Along with PC Tim Poole, Alex now covers the Broadwindsor, Beaminster and Halstock voting wards.

Having settled into his role Alex moved to Beaminster with his fiancée Jade in September last year. The couple are now expecting their first child in July.

Outside of work Alex is a keen sports fan, musician and martial artist, having trained at the South West Black Belt Academy in Ilminster for a number of years.

60 SECOND INTERVIEW



■ WHAT do you like most about Beaminster?
The community spirit. It's a lovely town. I also cover three voting wards which are some of the most beautiful areas in Dorset I think.

■ IS there anything you would like to change about the area?
I would like to see more job opportunities for younger people. A lot of them have to move out of the area to try and get better jobs and I think there are a lot of people who like where they live but are unable to stay here if they want to get a good job or progress their career.

■ WHAT made you join the police force?
I have always wanted to be in the police force. When I was 21 I applied to become a PC, I was rejected at that stage unfortunately but when I saw the advertisement for a PCSO I thought why not? It gives me a good insight into the job and it will be a good stepping stone.

■ WHERE do you see yourself in five years time?
I'm not really looking that far ahead because I've got a family on the way and I'd very much like to be family man. If that means that still doing this job is beneficial to the family then I'd like to still be here. I was always looking at going in and joining as a PC but I enjoy this job a lot and it is more suited to family life I think.

■ WHAT is the role of a PCSO for those who are still unclear?
There are a lot of people who still aren't very clear. It does differ from force to force but the main part of it is working with a safer neighbourhood team and finding community issues that need to be addressed and concerns that people have within there community and looking to resolve it. That can be through multi agency work, working with the different local authorities, with schools, with the youth centre. Working with different agencies to try and resolve those concerns. Community engagement is a big part of that and a big part of my role.

■ WHAT are the biggest problems that affect the Beaminster area?
Rural crimes such as thefts of heating oil, which at the moment is of big concern. It's a more valuable commodity now because of prices going up and the Beaminster and Marshwood Vale safer neighbourhood teams have released a scheme called "stop that oil" to try and get people aware of their security around their tanks. We are trying to make it harder for people trying to access the fuel.

■ WHAT are your favourite TV crime programmes?
I used to watch The Bill when I was younger but I don't often watch a lot of police dramas. I think a lot of the reality ones are quite a good insight into the job and they can be very interesting but I don't watch a lot of them.

■ WHAT would be your three-desert island discs?
That's very difficult, I have a wide musical taste. I think "One by One" by the Foo Fighters, the whole album is superb. "The Joshua Tree" by U2, again another superb album from beginning to end. "2001" by Dr Dre, I'm a big fan of Dr Dre, his earliest stuff with NWA is really good but also again all the songs on that album are very good as well.

■ WHICH three dream guests would you invite to a dinner party?
I'm an Arsenal fan and I think Arsene Wenger would be my first choice because he always seems like he's got something to say and I don't think he'd let the conversation die out. My fiancée Jade, it wouldn't be a dinner party without her. The last one would be Freddie Mercury. Queen are an amazing band and he was an amazing front man.

■ WHAT are your favourite events that go on in Beaminster?
I think that the biggest one is the Beaminster Festival, which is a fascinating festival celebrating art. The opening ceremony in the square is always enjoyable and has a very good atmosphere. Last year I went to the Eat Dorset food festival at Parnham House which I thought was very good and gave a good insight into locally produced food which I think is a very good topic in this area.

■ WHAT was the last book you read, film you watched and CD you listened to?
I'm currently reading a book at the moment called "The Outside Man" which is about an American joining the IRA, which is a good insight into the IRA trying to build a bigger profile against the British and using an American to do that. The last CD I listened to was "The Carter" by Lil Wayne, which is a very good album. The last film I watched was "Disturbia", a thriller with Shia Labeouf which was a very good film.

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Thieves target church roof lead

By Paul Crompton

AN ancient Dorchester church was left vulnerable to irreparable damage after thieves targeted the building's lead roof.

It was the latest church in the area to be left with a gapping hole in its roof after being targeted by lead thieves.

Parishioners of Piddlehinton were left counting the cost of the repairs to St Mary the Virgin Church's south isle roof, following the theft on Sunday, May 9th.

Thieves have also attacked churches in Charminster and Puddletown and have even stolen an 18inch x four foot strip from a Poundbury home's front porch.

Police say they cannot confirm if the thefts are related at this stage.

The church's Reverend Tony Monds said: "We noticed the theft on Monday during evening song when we looked up and saw the sky.

"I don't want to be judgemental in a Christian sense, I'm just very disappointed that people feel a need to attack an ancient and beautiful building which means so much to the local community.

"I know a fair amount of lead has been stolen from church's at the moment because of the value of lead, but this is a particularly horrible thing to do. It's very disrespectful of a place of worship."

The hole left by the theft is currently covered with felt in a bid to preserve the historic building.

The church's treasurer, Elizabeth Gay Hansbury said they would not know how much the repairs would cost, but feared the extra money needed would be hard to raise.

The church recently spent £15,000 on vital work on the inside on the building, which has stood since 1299.

Mrs Hansbury said: "We are just very lucky there is no rain at the moment because the damage to the inside of the church could be terrible. We are just praying for some good weather."

Inspector Les Fry of Dorchester police said he didn't think the attacks were down to the economic climate, and urged people who had seen anything to do with the crimes to report it to police.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police on 01305 222222 or Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.

Bodged thefts

BURGLARS bodged two attempted thefts in Dorchester after they smashed windows to gain entrance to the buildings but did not steal anything.

Firstly thieves smashed a two foot by two foot window at the Walnut Grove Cafe Shop, in Durngate Street, before entering the business' premises.

The second incident saw the perpetrator break a ground floor window to gain access into the Probation Service Building, High West Street overnight between Friday, May 7th and 9th.

Inquires are continuing in both cases.

Anyone with information should contact PC Andrea Watson regarding the Durngate break-in and PC Dermot Shanahan about the West Street incident.

Oil theft warning

POLICE are warning homeowners to be aware of the theft of heating oil from storage tanks after a number of incidents have occured across west Dorset.

Storage tanks, especially those in rural locations are at risk after a number of similar thefts have been reported during the past few months.

Saw stolen

A METAL container was broken into and a £400 Stihl saw was stolen between Thursday, May 6th and 7th.

An unknown person used a cutter to break a padlock and gain entry to the container next to the Prince of Wales surgery on St John Way, Dorchester.

Anyone with information should contact PC Amanda Pierse.

Dorchester police number is 01305 222222 or contact crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Appeal for old mobiles to help refuge

By Anita Harries

A NEW initiative for victims of domestic violence has been launched in Dorchester by Battens solicitor Leanne Weatherill, a member of the Advisory Committee who came up with the idea, and local town and district councillor Mollie Rennie.

They are appealing to the public to donate their unwanted mobile phones, together with the chargers, to the Women's Refuge.

Many women who have left the homes they shared with abusive partners are in desperate need of a mobile phone. Their phones may have been damaged, retained by the police as evidence, or purely left behind when fleeing from a violent situation. And abandoning your phone lessens the chances of being traced by an abusive partner.

The refuge aims to collect old mobile phones, fit them with new SIM cards donated by various companies, and give them to any woman who needs one.

As well as being an important safety factor, enabling the women to call the police without delay should circumstances dictate, it allows a sense of privacy when arranging appointments with solicitors, doctors, social services and other support agencies when needed.

It also allows that vital contact with extended families, if only to give reassurances that they are in a place of safety. It is hard to fit back into society when recovering from years of domestic abuse, whether mental or physical, and having a phone at your fingertips brings a certain amount of independence and wellbeing often absent for many years.

Mobile phones and their chargers can be handed in to Battens Solicitors in Dorchester, Weymouth or Sherborne.

Alternatively you can take them in to the West Dorset District Council Offices in Dorchester or the town council offices in Bridport and Sherborne.

Councillor Rennie said: "The community of Dorchester has always come up trumps and given tremendous support to the Women's Refuge, even when times are hard, and it is very much hoped that other towns will follow their example.

"This is a perfect way of recycling your unwanted phones while at the same time helping the many victims of domestic violence who will unfortunately continue to come our way."



■ SOLICITOR Leanne Weatherill and Councillor Mollie Rennie outside Battens office in Dorchester

Mugger punched in face by his own victim

A MAN who tried to fight off a mugger in Dorchester by punching him in the face received minor injuries for his bravery.

The 21-year-old victim was walking through the town when a man with a northern accent struck him in the face before making off off with his mobile phone.

The robber then ran off along Colliton Street, towards North Square and the prison.

The incident happened just after 3pm on Tuesday, May 4th, when the Dorchester man was walking past Glyde Path House in Glyde Path Road.

The victim received minor injuries to his face and arms following a struggle.

Detectives in Dorchester are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information to come forward.

Police Constable Dave Blackman, of Dorchester Police, said: "The victim put up a struggle and attempted to fight off the offender in self-defence and the offender suffered a blow to the face.

"As a result, the offender may have injures to his face."

The attacker is described as white, six feet tall, in his mid-twenties, with short cropped brown hair, and a round face.

He was seen to be wearing a blue jumper, black tracksuit bottoms with two white stripes down the side, and black trainers with a fake spring design on the side of the soles.

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More fascinating facts revealed

DORSET'S latest fascinating facts have been revealed for May 2010 as the countdown continues to the 2012 Olympic Games.

Team Dorset launched a special 1,000 Facts for 1,000 Days project with one fact being published every day right down to the start of the Games.

Among facts highlighted is one from Paul Docksey of Broadmayne who revealed that Weymouth Amateur Boxing Club came into being on May 17th, 1933.

Another fact from Amy Hill of Weymouth for May 19th reveals that comedian Ronnie Barker used to have a holiday cottage at Beaminster.

A fact provided by Jacqui Griffiths of Weymouth and earmarked for May 25th reveals that Weymouth and Portland has the sunniest climate in the United Kingdom.

Amy Corben-Hale of Weymouth has chipped in with a fact for May 27th which highlights that Portland sea lavender, one of the UK's rarest plants, is unique to the island.

Team Dorset stresses that theirs is an ongoing project and they are encouraging people to keep on submitting facts via the Team Dorset and Dorset For You websites.

Paper forms can be picked up from Weymouth and Portland council's offices on North Quay, Weymouth.

Bridport woman avoids serious injury in accident

A BRIDPORT woman avoided serious injury when the car she was travelling involved in a three-vehicle collision.

Emergency services were called to the incident on the westbound A35 road heading toward the town.

Police have not disclosed if the woman, who was driving a Vauxhall Corsa car, was one of the people who required treatment for whiplash.

A male motorist reported the crash to police at 5:56pm on Wednesday, May 5th on a mobile phone as he passed the accident.

The other cars involved were a red Volkswagon Transporter and a Ford Ka, registered to woman from St Austell.

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‘Little planets’ brighten hospital

PATIENTS, staff and visitors to Dorset County Hospital will be treated to local views with a difference.

Photographer Simon Nobes has donated 17 “Little Planet” photographs of Dorset beauty spots and landmarks to the hospital.

Administrator, Jackie Henville, said that the photographs would fascinate people: “I understand that the digital processing can take many hours, but the results are stunning and I’m sure people will be intrigued. “The views are very unusual; they really do look like planets floating in space so they could be hung any way up and you would still be able to make sense of them.”

Simon, a director of PanoScope Ltd is delighted to see his work in the hospital.

“Late last year I was commissioned to produce a photograph to commemorate a member of staff who died and it was obvious that the hospital would be an excellent place to hang some of the landscape images that PanoScope has recently started to develop.



SIMON Nobes, Alex Coulter (Arts Co-ordinator, DCH) and Jackie Henville (Arts Administrator, DCH) beside one of Simon’s photographs

By Stuart Broom

“Our normal work involves photographing the insides of boats and cars or people’s homes for publicity reasons but the ‘Little Planets’ are a new departure.”

‘Little Planets’, or more technically, stereographic, equal angle projections of equirectangular 360 x 180 degree spherical images, are taken with a specialist camera and then digitally manipulated to create a circular image which makes a virtue of distortion and which can literally be hung any way up.

The pictures at the hospital range from Golden Cap and Portland Bill to Thorncombe Woods and the “Pencil” sculpture at the Hospital.

The exhibition can be seen in the North Wing on level two of Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester until May 18th after which they will be re-located in other areas of the hospital.

Boat Race descendent to row Henley Regatta for Parkinson’s

A DESCENDENT of the founder of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race, will row the Henley Royal Regatta in June to raise money for Parkinson’s UK.

Patrick Tolfree of Dorchester, who is 76-years-old, will be keeping the family rowing tradition going by following his great-great-uncle who was the Bishop of St Andrew’s.

Freelance writer Patrick, who is also a descendent of the poet Wordsworth, aims to raise £10,000 when he rows the 2,112 metre course on June 10th. Although more used to walking he returned to rowing last year in preparation for his challenge.

He is keen to make people aware of the benefits of exercise for people with Parkinson’s.

Said Patrick: “I last rowed at Oxford University in the 1950s, as a member of the college Third VIII. Getting back into rowing was tough, but I am really enjoying it now! Exercise is a great way for people like me, who have Parkinson’s, to maintain movement and balance.”

Patrick was diagnosed with Parkinson’s in 1991. He is married with two children and four grandchildren.

Jean Almond, Regional Fundraiser for Parkinson’s UK said: “Parkinson’s UK is totally dependent on voluntary donations and the money Patrick raises will help our work to find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson’s. We are extremely grateful to Patrick and the Boat Race Founders Society for raising funds to support us with this wonderful event. I really admire Patrick’s dedication and commitment to making this happen.”



PATRICK Tolfree from Dorchester who will be rowing the Henly Royal Regatta for Parkinson’s

You can sponsor Patrick by visiting his Justgiving page at www.justgiving.com/PatrickRowsforParkinsons

For more information about Parkinson’s UK or to contact your local Parkinson’s UK branch contact Jean Almond on 0844 225 3732.

Experience the great outdoors and celebrate Ramblers’ 75th anniversary

A SPECIAL walk has been organised around Dorchester to celebrate the 75th anniversay of the Ramblers.

A four mile walk has been arranged, taking in some of Dorchester’s most famous features including the Romans, Martyrs and Thomas Hardy.

It is hoped that, as well as celebrating the Ramblers 75th anniversary, the walk will encourage non-walkers to experience the great outdoors and Dorchester.

The walk will take place on Saturday, May 22nd starting at the War Memorial in South Walks, Dorchester, at 11am.

All are welcome.

For more information, contact Keith on (01305) 269381.



Pupils' e-safety campaign wins



EMERALD Rymer, Beatha Dalgleish, Lauren Crane and Lauren Welch with prizes



LAUREN Crane and Beatha Dalgleish with winning video



BEATHA Dalgleish with winning video

By Anita Harries

PUPILS from a Dorchester school have won a prestigious online safety competiton.

Year two pupils from The Prince of Wales First School, Dorchester have won the competition which was organised by South West Grid for Learning and was open to all schools in the south-west of England. The aim of the competition was to emphasise the importance of e-safety and to encourage pupils to make e-safety messages and deliver them in a way that would make a difference to the attitude of others.

Gary Spracklen, school ICT Co-ordinator, explained how pupils at The Prince of Wales First School created their entry.

He said: "As a year two class we thoroughly enjoyed making our e-safety video and engaged in the design process using Merlin, our school's virtual learning enviroment.

"Children began the process by accessing a range of relevant e-safety websites through our class page.

"The children then used a discussion board to share their thoughts and ideas of how we could communicate an e-safety message to children in a 30-second TV commercial."

Teaching Assistant Barbara Thomas, who also worked with the children in creating the entry, added: "The children were very keen to link in the rights of the child and therefore also considered their responsibilities when considering e-safety."

Beatha Dalgleish and Lauren Crane, both in year two, explained how they came up with the SAFE internet "surfer" theme.

Beatha said: "I knew people use the word 'surfing' for two fun actvities, so I put the two together to create the idea of SAFE surfing." Lauren explained how following their idea, the girls enlisted the help of their classmates.

She said: "We asked

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everyone to bring in a bodyboard and we made a wave in our school hall using PE equipment and bits of blue and white fabric."

The children, who enlisted the help of year four pupils Lauren Welch and Emerald Rymer to record their entry, now have an exciting day's radio broadcasting to look forward to with Cylde Broadcasting.

In addition to their main prize the school have also won a prize pack including a digital camera, flip video camera, digital photo frame, and much more.



LAUREN Crane with winning video



EMERALD Rymer and Lauren Welch filming

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Out for the count at key seat battle

View From's PAUL CROMPTON spent the night at Dorchester's Thomas Hardye School for the Dorset West general election count, sharing the tension and drama of the evening with the candidates

THE returning officer David Clarke raises his voice above the nervous chatter. A hush sweeps across the gymnasium. Sections of the crowd start moving towards one corner of the vast room and huddle in a circle.

It's been just over four hours since the polling stations closed and the 107 ballot boxes have been whisked to Dorchester's Thomas Hardye Leisure centre from the farthest reaches of West Dorset's constituency.

Boxes containing 57,334 little slips of paper each bearing a small cross from people hoping for a big change.

Although overall voter turnout is down by 1.8 per cent from 2005's election, it is still one of the countries highest at 74.7 per cent, proving West Dorset's electorate care passionately about this contest.

The huddle disperses and the chat once again becomes excitable. It marks the beginning of the end to 2010's general election, which has managed to sweep the nation with genuine excitement.

One candidate walks away thin lipped and serious; the other wide mouthed and joyous.

Family and friends surround the candidates. All give nervous smiles, their inwardly tense body language is being masked by attempts to look outwardly relaxed.

West Dorset District Council's staff, including 74 tellers, have been busy in the previous four hours sorting and re-sorting, counting and placing the slips of paper into piles of first 20s then 2,500s.

Toward the back of the room those bundles of ballot papers piled up as the count drew to a close.

All eyes were trained on the coloured cards which slowly filled the trestle table; most eyes were focused on the blue and yellow signs, which signified the way things were going for the main candidates: Conservative's Oliver Letwin and Lib Dem's Sue Farrant; a visual representation of a month's tireless door-to-door canvassing, leaflet dropping and hustings.

Before the declaration, Labour's Steve Bick stands alone, looking at the pile of ballot papers on the far table flagged with a red piece of card.

Labour have always been the third party in West Dorset. Nothing's changed.

Dr Bick acknowledges the resurgence in the Lib Dem's popularity in the borough.

"They've been keen to win the seat," he says. "But it looks like we are in third place so we've not been beaten by UKIP or the Green Party."

It's now 2:20am on Friday, May 7th. And before the official declaration has been announced the room knows that Oliver Letwin has held his seat for the third consecutive election; not only holding it, but as we will later discover, increasing his majority by 3,923 votes. A total of 27,287 Tories have spoken. The Lib Dem's dream of taking power in West Dorset is over – for now at least.

Dr Farrant is the Tory's nearest rival. The Lib Dem candidate will later say she is pleased with the amount of votes she received.

"We've put a huge amount of effort and time into this, and of course we are disappointed we didn't win the seat this time," she says.

Thanking the people who had helped during her campaign, the ex-army officer finishes by saying: "I pledge to continue working hard in your (the constituency's) best interest to make our society fairer."

A media scrum ensues around the winner. A few party soundbites from the man acknowledged as the brains behind the Tory's manifesto makes his way to the stage. The other four candidates follow in his wake.

Mr Clarke steps to the microphone: "Being the Acting Returning Officer for the West Dorset constituency, I hereby declare that the votes cast in the election for each candidate were as follows."

Labour's Steve Bick: 3,815; UKIP's Oliver Chisholm: 2,196; Lib-Dem Sue Farrant: 23,364; Green Party's Sue Greene: 675; Conservative's Oliver Letwin: 17,287.

Mr Clarke then says: "And I hereby declare that the said Oliver Letwin is elected to serve as Member of Parliament for this constituency".

Not a flicker of emotion crosses the former Shadow Home Secretary's face. He steps toward the microphone and thanks his fellow candidates.

The seasoned politician is too wise to get caught up in public shows of self-congratulation – he has work to do.

After the host of media interviews for Sky, the BBC, local radio and print media he won't put his feet up and toast his victory with a glass of champagne, he will jump in a car and head toward London to meet with Tory leader David Cameron and his colleagues to discuss the next step in a hung parliament.

He will later be one of the Tories' three-man team negotiating with the Lib Dems over a coalition government.

Before he makes it to the door, I stop the man thought of as Mr Cameron's chief advisor, and ask for his reaction.

With a broad smile he says: "It's always a relief to hear you have won. I've learnt over the years in every single election not to pay too much attention to the predictions. That is why I have to work for every single vote.

"For 13 years I've worked so hard, but I think a large number of people have voted for a change of government.

"I'm not under the illusion it was a personal thing; people were making an issue of wanting a change."



LETWIN RETURNED | MP Oliver Letwin addresses the crowd at the Dorset West count in Dorchester early on Friday morning, with the defeated Lib Dem candidate Sue Farrant looking on

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Cut a cake not care



■ TREVOR Jones and Sally Goss with some of the Evergreens members and the "Cut Cake not Care" cake

THE Evergreens social group, based at Age Concern Dorchester, held a pre-election discussion led by local town, district and county councillor Trevor Jones.

Stressing at the outset that he was not there to preach the virtues of his own party, the group embarked on a lively question and answer session centred on the general election.

The many changes in election processes over the years were commented on, in particular the part now played by the media both nationally and on a more local basis.

Councillor Jones said: "National party leaders, of whichever political persuasion, like to talk about what they are going to do. Far more important is what they actually do. They should be judged by what you know about them and how they deliver their promises. It should also, however, be remembered that circumstances often beyond their control mean at times they may be unable to see their promises through. They are not always deliberately telling lies."

There were one or two people present who wondered whether it was worth taking the time to vote. Trevor assured everyone that voting does make a difference, sometimes only a small one at other times maybe more substantial, but it does make a difference. He also assured people there is nothing to be feared from a coalition government, a common occurrence across Europe.

One gentleman had reservations about the influence Europe has over Britain and the real effects of a free market economy. But perhaps the overwhelming concern was the effect a new government would have on the state pension and pension credits, as well as care for the elderly. Would social care and support fall victim to any impending cuts?

Sally Goss, Care Services Manager, said: "It's really important that older people can continue to access the care they need and that it is protected by any incoming government."

And to emphasise this point, a cake bearing the slogan "Cut Cake not Care" was duly sliced up and enjoyed with a welcome cup of tea. Canvassing capers from Trevor wound up the discussion, with the words: "Voting is a privilege, so we should all do so."

Age concern advice surgeries

AGE Concern Dorchester will be holding a number of surgeries to answer questions about wills and inheritance tax.

These are a free one-to-one surgery given by Robert Bracher, Legacy adviser with Age Concern and Help the Aged.

The surgeries planned in West Dorset:

Wednesday, May 19th from 10am – 12noon at Age Concern Weymouth, Pilgrim House, Hope Street, Weymouth. Tel: 01305 761828

Friday, May 21st 10am – 12noon at Age Concern Dorchester, Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road.

Members of the public will also have the opportunity to get advice on funeral planning and discover how a "Life Book" works.

For further details of all Age Concern Dorchester services, telephone (01305) 269444.

Excellent performance from choir

By Anita Harries

THE United Church in Dorchester was the venue for the first 2010 concert by the Quangle Wangle Choir.

This popular Weymouth based community choir, under their musical director Juliet Harwood, deliver their concerts in "a cappella" style and are quickly gaining a reputation for being one of the very best in Dorset. Organised in conjunction with, and to support, Help the Aged Dorset, the programme was packed with songs that celebrated the power and beauty of nature, love, and far away places.

Added to this was a touch of Abba and the Beatles, plus a delightful dash of Quangle humour, and the result was an evening of first class entertainment.

The infectious enthusiasm the choir have for their singing shone throughout the whole evening.

Songs from Africa, Germany and Georgia were beautifully presented in their native tongues.

The United Church resonated with the superb harmonies of favourites like Blue Moon, Thank You For The Music and All You Need Is Love. And the audience needed little persuasion to join in when invited. Smaller groups from within the choir also gave excellent performances.

The wonderful voices of Dee Thorne and Hilary Charlesworth joined in a duet about swallows, while the five ladies of Bagatelle gave an equally good rendition of Walk My Path.

Maybe one of the performances of the evening was attributed to the superb quartet Wild Thyme, whose version of You Raise Me Up was both moving and breathtaking.

Quangle Wangle concerts are not just about the singing. They pepper their programme with poetry, on this occasion ranging from T S Eliot to the more modern works of E E Cummings and Charles Causely.

The most amusing point of the evening, apart from the sudden appearance of some very bizarre blonde wigs during an Abba number, was the hilarious poem read by Hilary Foggo about growing old disgracefully.

This was two hours of wonderful entertainment, complete with a raffle and half time refreshments.





Awards for young rugby players



■ OLIVER Batt, Under nine Player of the Year with Mike Sprules

By Anita Harries

DORCHESTER Rugby Football Club Junior Section ended the season with their annual AGM and award ceremony.

Chairman Les Fry reported on a club that is continuing to thrive despite all the bad weather the winter could throw at it.

Along with the extremely successful Socius camp held last summer, with over 80 young people given the opportunity to attend coaching sessions held by professionals from South Africa, Australia and Fiji, the club held an equally successful festival with over 400 youngsters playing rugby in this tournament.

Summing up the season, Les Fry said: "We have seen some really good rugby played by our teams over the past season, with some resounding wins both at home and away.

"We are extremely grateful to our coaches, team managers and all who turn up regularly for evening training and Sunday matches.

"Without such commitment we would not have a club, so thank you very much."

A special thank you was also given to Pete Gerrard and all the St John Ambulance volunteers who turn up every Sunday, come rain or shine.

There have been club members who have achieved particular success during the season. under 15s squad members Harry Smith, Kieran Fry, Will Holmes and Callum King all played for Dorset Saxons, with Callum King going on to play for and captain the Dorset and Wilts under 15s.

Callum also received the ultimate accolade of an invitation to attend the Bath Academy.

The under 12s won the Plate award at the Chippenham Festival, while the under 14s reached the semi-final of the Dorset and Wilts Cup. They were also runners up at the New Milton sevens tournament.

Finally, the under eights finished runners up at the Wimborne Festival.

The presentations opened with Roger Clark receiving the award for Clubperson of the Year from chairman Les Fry in recognition of all the hard work he has put in over the last twelve months.

It then fell to the club's Head Coach, Mike Sprules, to present the prizes to all age groups from the under sevens to the under 16s, with every squad member receiving a club medal.

New players are always welcome, regardless of ability.

Registration for next season is on Sunday, September 5th for under 13s – under 16s, and Sunday, September 12th for under sevens – under 12s, both starting at 10am.

List of award winners for 2009/2010 season.

Under six - Most Improved Player: Caprice Locke and Player of the Year: Guy Coward.

Under seven - Most Improved Player: Ben Harding; Player of the Year: Jacob Critchill.

Under eight - Most Improved Player: Sam Downing; Player of the Year: Nathan McNab.

Under nine - Most Improved Player: Warren Harding; Player of the Year: Oliver Batt; Players' Player: Nick Jones.

Under 10 - Most Improved Player: Senan McDonagh; Best Newcomer: Cameron Poole; Player of the Year: Tom Stokes; Players' Player: James McKindry.

Under 11 - Most Improved Player: Ryan Solway; Player of the Year: Alex Horne.

Under 12 - Most Improved Player: Luke Robson; Player of the Year: Jack Warburton.

Under 13 - Most Improved Player: Jordan Meadows; Player of the Year: Ross Curtis.

Under 14 - Most Improved Player: James McQuillon;

Player of the Year: Chris Elliott; Players' Player James McQuillon.

Under 15 - Most Improved Player: Lewis White; Player of the Year: Sam Pollard; Best Newcomer Ben Lashmar.

Under 15 - Players' Player: Luke Doherty.

Under 16 - Most Improved Player: Max Bagley; Player of the Year: Zac Paton; Players' Player Charlie Lake.



■ UNDER six Most Improved Player Caprice Locke with Head Coach Mike Sprules



■ CHAIRMAN Les Fry with Clubperson of the Year Roger Clark and Vice Chairman Victoria Peel



■ UNDER 14 Player of the Year Chris Elliot receives his award from Mike Sprules



When in Dorchester do as the Romans do



LEGIO II Augusta pictured at the end of a long march

By Anita Harries

THIS May there will be a chance to celebrate Dorchester's Roman heritage in a special festival to be held in Maumbury Rings.

The highlight of this exciting weekend, May 22nd and 23rd, will be Roman living history group Legio II Augusta with displays that encompass the full range of military and civilian life in Roman Britain during the first and second centuries.

The group has been together for more than 15 years and has grown to become one of Europe's pre-eminent Roman re-enactment groups.

Members of Legio II Augusta come from all over the south of England, and will be demonstrating the life of the artillery, engineers, mosaicists, aristocratic ladies, slaves, archers, sculptors, smiths, cavalry, medical staff, painters, and gladiators.

They bring with them an unrivalled collection of full sized buildings, models and archaeologically accurate military equipment, musical instruments, household artefacts, and much, much more.

Although this group will be the main attraction of the weekend, there will be plenty of other things to see and do.

There will be displays of real Roman objects from the Dorset County Museum, a storyteller, and drop in workshops and activities. Novelist Ben Kane will be available on both days to talk about his Roman novels The Forgotten Legion and The Silver Eagle.

Saturday will begin with a march of Roman legionaries through the town from 11am. They should arrive at Maumbury Rings to start there at 11.30am.

Events on the Sunday commence at 11am in Maumbury Rings, and both days will end at 4pm.

The Roman theme will continue the following week at the Dorchester Arts Festival on May 30th and 31st when the Dorchester Roman Town House will host "What the Romans Did".

The Ancient Wessex Network will display art and craft inspired by the Romans and demonstrate their techniques using clay, metal and textiles. Drop in and make a mosaic or some Roman costume jewellery or just watch the craftsmen at work.

On the bank holiday Monday, the Roman Town House will be taking part in the National Family Week Picnic. So bring your picnic along between 12noon and 2pm and join in the world record breaking attempt for the biggest picnic ever.

The Dorchester Roman Festival is being organised by the South Dorset Ridgeway Heritage Project, Dorchester Town Council, Dorchester Roman Town House and Dorset County Museum. More details can be obtained from Sarah Harbige on 01305 228241 or s.e.harbige@dorsetcc.gov.uk.

Outlook is good for singles

OUTLOOK, a social group for single people over 25, has been around for just over 23 fun filled years.

They meet regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Original Thomas Hardy Pub in Dorchester, starting at 8.30pm.

Members go along to play darts, pool, dominoes or any other games that take their fancy – or just sit and chat.

Hand in hand with these monthly meetings they have a full programme of events with something to suit every taste.

Scrabble, tennis, walking, badminton, skittles and bike rides are just a few of the activities they enjoy as a group.

Many get together to eat out, take trips to the theatre, enjoy outdoor concerts such as those held at the Nothe Fort, or relax over a gentle game of boules followed by a picnic.

Some are a dab hand at trivial pursuit, others prefer playing uno or taking part in a treasure hunt.

And it is not just people from Dorchester who belong to Outlook. They attract members from Weymouth, Portland, Charminster, Crossways, Stratton and Owermoignre to name but a few. And for only £7.80 membership per annum it is great value for money.

If you are interested in learning more about Outlook or would like to become a member – and new people are always very welcome – please contact either Sheila on 01305 854179 or Jan on 01305 267791.



MEMBERS of Outlook at one of their Tuesday evening meetings



Police call to owners of newly banned handgun

DORSET Police is urging anyone in possession of a Bruni Olympic .380 BBM revolver to hand it in before midnight on June 4th.

When originally imported, the Bruni Olympic .380 BBM did not require a licence to own and is commonly known as a "blank firer" used for dog training or starting races.

The BBM could be purchased through registered firearms dealers and other outlets such as hobbyist stores, agricultural merchants and model shops, but increased criminal use of such revolvers led to national tests being carried out to assess the skills and equipment needed to convert them into live firing weapons.

It emerged that this type of revolver could be readily converted into a lethally barrelled weapon, bringing it within the classification of a prohibited weapon under Section Five of the Firearms Act 1968.

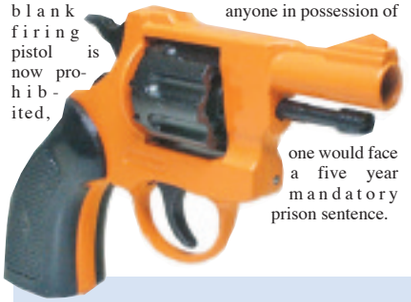
Police say that anyone found in possession of a Bruni Olympic .380 BBM revolver after June 4th could be liable to prosecution and upon conviction face a five year mandatory prison sentence.

All police stations will receive surrendered weapons during normal opening hours to encourage those members of the public who use this gun legitimately to hand it in before June 4th to avoid later prosecution.

The importation of these revolvers into the UK has now been banned.

Specialist operations head Superintendent Charlie Eggar said: "Nationally the number of converted weapons being seized by the police has steadily increased which led to research being conducted that concluded that conversion was now relatively simple.

"As a result, the Bruni Olympic .388 BBM blank firing pistol is now prohibited, anyone in possession of one would face a five year mandatory prison sentence.



"There are likely to be a number of these weapons in the possession of sports clubs, schools, theatrical groups, gun dog training schools and similar organisations in addition to private ownership.

For Dorset Police stations opening hours please check the Dorset Police website www.dorset.police.uk

Anyone with information relating to gun crime should call Dorset Police on 01202 or 01305 222222 or the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.

Julia's House to open new wing

JULIA'S House, the only hospice in Dorset dedicated to children with life-limiting conditions, will officially open a new Families and Therapies wing at their hospice in Corfe Mullen next Wednesday.

The special ceremony will be attended by some of the families it cares for and charity patrons Martin Clunes, Liz Yelling and Chris Jarvis.

The new wing will allow the charity to offer round the clock care and provide vital end-of-life care and support to children and their families in the hospice.

The opening will be marked with a red ribbon cutting ceremony and blessing at 3pm, conducted by the Bishop of Sherborne.

Julia's House cares for nearly 100 children with life-limited conditions, who are unlikely to live beyond the age of 18.

It is estimated around 215 Dorset children and their families are eligible for the unique service it provides.

Martin Edwards, Julia's House Chief Executive, commented: "It has always been our dream to move beyond day care at the hospice, and now that dream has come true.

"Families with a child who is dying can now choose where they want the expert nursing support that we offer.

"Whether they wish to be supported at home or in the hospice for the final stages of their child's journey, we will be there for them."

Funding has been possible through the Pyjama Appeal, backed by Martin Clunes, Harry Redknapp, Liz Yelling, Chris Jarvis and Lesley Waters.

The dedicated campaign website www.pyjamaappeal.co.uk is full of inspiring fundraising ideas of how you can help provide overnight and end-of-life care for Dorset children and their families. Or you can call 01202 607400 to simply make a donation.

Hospice to offer wine tasting and a midnight walk... but not at the same time!

WELDMAR Hospicecare Trust are holding a wine tasting evening at Lulworth Castle next month.

Organised by Majestic Wine this popular annual event provides the opportunity to taste an extensive list of wines from many suppliers.

In addition to wine tasting there will be a variety of local cheeses and Dorset products to sample.

The event on Thursday. June 24th costs £10 per ticket and runs from 6pm until 8.30pm.

Tickets are available by contacting the fundraising department on 01305 215315 or visit the website www.weld-hospice.org .uk/winetasting.

The charity is also encouraging ladies to sign up for the Midnight Walk along Weymouth esplanade on Saturday, August 21st which again is sponsored by New Look.

Starting from the Pavilion, the ladies can walk either to the Oasis Café and back (6km) or to the Riviera Hotel and back (10km).

The registration fee is £16 and all walkers must be at least 14-years-old on the night of the walk (anyone under the age of 16 will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian)

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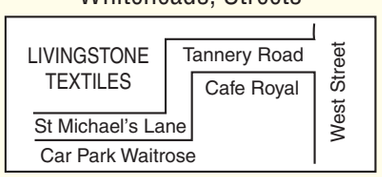
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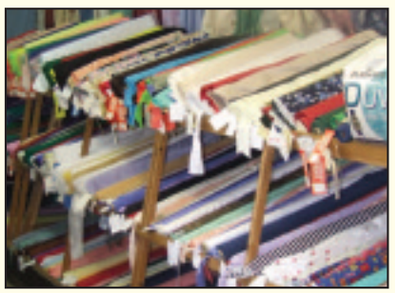
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You would imagine that planting perennial (permanent) plants would be the solution to easy gardening, but life 'aint' that easy, for one thing they tend in time to get weeds entangled in their roots and it becomes a labour of love trying to remove them throughout the season, the other problem is that most of them have just a short period of flowering and you have to make a careful choice of what you purchase. Some people, especially those with a new garden, tend to visit a garden centre and buy loads of plants that are flowering at that particular visit, the problem is that they usually stop flowering at the same time and your garden is left devoid of colour for the rest of the year, so, what's the solution? The obvious one is to make regular visits throughout the year to your garden centre, that way you will see various groups of plants to get colour from all the year round, at Groves you can talk to our plants men who actually spend time growing and producing plants in our nursery, real practical plants persons, so don't be frightened to ask for advice. Another solution is to have a mixture of perennial plants ands annual plants, this can be achieved by perhaps having shrubs at the back of the border and perennials like lupines delphiniums etc in the middle and front, but leaving pockets of bare earth to plant annual flowering plants in, like begonias, busy lizzies, petunias pansies etc., most of these annuals will flower continuously throughout the summer and you can replace them if you wish in the autumn with spring flowering plants and bulbs.

Flowers also have their place in the vegetable garden, we have an experimental potager garden at Groves, where we mix flowers and vegetables together, flowers like French marigolds and tagetes to deter naughty bugs like blackfly and greenfly, but there is also a need to attract beneficial insects like bees to pollinate your beans etc, this can be done by planting verbena boneriensis, lavender, sedums etc, it is a fine balance to get a healthy garden and chemicals shouldn't be relied on to achieve this, especially in a vegetable garden.

Finally a word on potting compost and manure. Never just use your garden soil to pot up your plants, its very unsuitable in containers as it goes down to mud and doesn't allow your plants roots to breath, it really is best to buy a purpose made compost, multi purpose for sowing seed and potting up young plants, if you intend to plant a more permanent tub, you should use a John Innes potting compost no.2 or 3 for shrubby species or a potting and container mix for a summer long bedding container

Don't let things get to complicated, keep your gardening simple and remember its YOUR garden, so do what YOU want and don't be deterred by others.

Jottings from the Potting Shed

With the weather in April being not too bad, you should hopefully have been able to crack on and have got lots done. The lawn now needs to be brought up to scratch with a good feed and weed. Now's the time, if you've not already done so, to plant up hanging baskets, tubs and containers. Plants that are looking their best this month include Wisteria, Lilac, Brooms, Ceanothus and Clematis. A lot of herbaceous perennials come good this month too with Hardy Geraniums, Aquilegia, Paeonies, Dicentra or bleeding hearts and Bearded Iris. Late flowering tulips, fritillarias and hardy orchids also give some welcome colour if you planted them last autumn. Let's hope the weather continues to be good this month with some, but not too much rain.

Beds & Borders The threat of frost has hopefully now passed and tender bedding plants can be planted in the border. Before planting ensure that the soil has been prepared, a layer of garden compost or composted manure should be forked in to provide the soil with aeration, water and nutrient holding capabilities. At the same time apply a dressing of 'Pelleted Chicken Manure' at 4oz per sq yard (140g per sq metre), this will provide a great start for the plants' needs. Slow perennials like aubretia, aquilegia, delphiniums and lupin along with biennial wallflowers and annual candytuft, french marigolds and nasturtiums. All of these will need protecting from slugs and snails, thinly scatter some slug pellets amongst the newly sown seed. Roses and other flowering shrubs can be given a feed using 'Toprose' this is a long lasting feed that will last all season.

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The Greenhouse Cuttings of fuchsias and geraniums can now be taken before they produce flowering buds. These will produce excellent flowering plants later in the season. Dip the cuttings in Rooting Powder before sticking into small pots filled with 'Arthur Bowers Multi-purpose Compost' or 'Seed & Cutting Compost'. They should root in about two to three weeks. Hanging baskets, tubs and window boxes etc should be planted this month. To keep these plants looking at their very best make sure you add the two following ingredients to the compost. The first is 'Watergel', this will store up moisture and release it back as the compost dries out. The second is 'Osmocote Tablets', these are slow release plant food which is ideal for baskets, tubs, window boxes and patio pots. It lasts for six months and all you have to do is push three or four tablets into the compost after you've finished planting up. Once the summer bedding and patio plants have been moved out, greenhouse crops like tomatoes, cucumbers, melons and peppers should have priority. Tomatoes, peppers and aubergines should be planted at three to a grobag and cucumbers and melons two to a grobag. To get the best from your grobag crops remember to feed them regularly and do use Tomorite, it's still the best.

On The Plot Conditions will have improved enough to allow for the planting of runner and French beans, sweetcorn and marrows. The secret of a good crop is in the soil, particularly in the case of runner beans and marrows. Prepare the beds before planting by digging in garden compost or composted manure. This month will see pests becoming a problem, these should be quickly identified and controlled by using either 'Provado Bug Killer' or 'Bug Gun for Fruit & Vegetables' to prevent the build up of infestations. If you are not sure what the problem is then bring some in to the shop in a sealed poly bag and we will happily identify the problem and advise you on the best course of action. Remember we do this for free. Powdery Mildew will begin to attack most soft fruits and tree fruit this month and should be quickly controlled using 'Bayer Systhane Fungicide' which is quite safe to use on most fruit crops.

Lawns Turfing and seeding can continue this month providing it is not too dry, but seed should be sown as quickly as possible to allow establishment before possible dry conditions. A light sprinkling of 'Growmore' about 4oz per sq yard (140g per sq metre) one week prior to sowing will help both seed and turf to get established. Water the areas regularly in dry weather. When watering turf, lift the corners of one or two to make sure that the soil underneath has been thoroughly moistened. Use Evergreen Complete, it's a great feed, weed and moss killer that will rid your lawn of those difficult weeds and give it a useful feed at the same time. *By Shaun Samways, Potting Shed , Dorchester*

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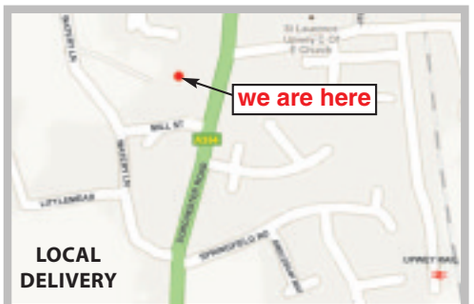
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End of an era for Dorchester Moose



■ MAGICIAN David Beckley amazes the audience with his magic

DORCHESTER Moose recently held their very last senior citizens' party in St George's Church Hall, Dorchester.

More than 80 guests went along to enjoy a wonderful tea prepared by members of Dorchester Moose and everyone was greeted with a glass of sherry on arrival.

Governor of Dorchester Moose, Graham Churchill, expressed regret that this was to be the last such occasion, but they were determined to go out with a bang.

An afternoon of mixed entertainment accompanied the food.

The ladies of the Woodbury Hill Singers from Bere Regis took everyone on a musical tour of the globe, beginning with the USA and ending back home in England. Audience participation was encouraged in a good old sing song with a few war time favourites entering the programme.

Master of Ceremonies, Bob Cornick, kept things flowing.

A superb magician, David Beckley, a gold star member of the Inner Magic Circle, gave a first class mind reading and sleight of hand exhibition, leaving people wondering how he managed to achieve the seemingly impossible.

By Anita Harries

Moose member and stalwart of the Durnovaria Silver Band, Graham, blew his euphonium, adding a touch of Phantom of the Opera to name just one piece, to his musical medley.

The inimitable Alan Knott got the whole audience singing and shaking away in hilarious unison, and even added an amusing poem about a marrow to his repertoire.

And as for the finale, this was perhaps the most bizarre act of all. Ballet Useless consisted of five members of Dorchester Moose in the most curious array of tutus, tights and working boots, dancing across the stage to some of ballets well known classics.

Following the round of thank yous to all concerned, the curtain fell on the end of an era.



■ ANNE Richards from Puddletown shakes away her tea



■ THE ladies of the Woodbury Hill Singers



■ BALLET Useless stuns the audience





View profile

Giving back to his town

This week STUART BROOM talks to DOUGLAS BEAZER in the first of a two part feature. Having enjoyed his childhood in Beaminster, he vowed to give something back to the town after a 24 year career in the Army. This week he talks about that childhood and his life as a soldier, where one of his claims to fame was being the first pupil to enter the new comprehensive school at Newtown when it was opened in January 1963.

DURING his Army career Douglas Beazer never forgot the happy family upbringing he had back in Beaminster and when he retired after a successful career, he vowed to help give something back to the town.

Doug is a distinguished and well respected member of the community having been a councillor since 1989 including a spell as chairman between 2007 and 2009.

"Beaminster gave me such a wonderful childhood, and I feel now through my work I can give something back to the community I love," he said.

Douglas is also a member of the Royal British Legion where he was treasurer for a decade and was the parade marshall for 15 years until he retired in 2005. He is also a Freemason and has been chairman of the Beaminster Manor Lodge twice, as well as a leading light in the Bridport & District Model Railway Club which he joined in 1989. He retired last year after 25 years service with the Melplash Show.

Douglas was the second eldest of six children of Gerry and Joy, and was born at Horn Ash, near Kittwhistle, at the junction where the B3162 meets the B3165, in April 1948.

Within months the family moved to the newly completed Fairfield Estate off Tunnel Road in Beaminster.

"Mum and Dad had a difficult time bringing up six of us and could not favour one above the other, but we were very happy," he said.

"Two things particularly stood out; Christmas, and summer holidays. We had very traditional Christmases, and up until we went to bed on Christmas Eve there was no sign of any decorations or presents. When we woke in the morning, usually about 4.30am, we opened out stockings on the end of our beds and went down stairs for breakfast. It was only after we had cleared up that dad opened the door to the sitting room which was decorated with trimmings and the tree. They were really wonderful times."

Despite the hard times, in the summer they usually went for a caravan holiday in Cornwall.

Doug said: "Dad was a lorry driver for Perry's and travelled all over the country. He knew several cafes and restaurants where we would stop for meals and drinks on the way."

Although there were times when the siblings; John (the eldest), Robert, Frank, Denise and Janet, didn't always agree, Douglas remembers they generally got on well.

He began his schooling in Beaminster Girls and Infants School in Hogshill Street where he learned to knit dishcloths, before moving on to Beaminster Boys' School in East Street for his junior education.

He said: "The school's classrooms and facilities were all over the place and so the town was always full of children. We did PT in the Public Hall, games at The Memorial Playing Field and school dinners were served in the Red Lion pub, with the girls in what is now the function room and the boys in the adjoining room."

Douglas lays claim to the fact that he was the first pupil to enter the new comprehensive school, now Beaminster Technology College, when it opened in January 1963.

It was during its building that his inquisitive nature began to develop.

"I became interested in its construction and the engineering side of it, and used to visit the site when I could," said Doug.

"In those days there was no health and safety rules so I was able to go where I wanted."

The new facility meant the closure of Beaminster Boys' School and the transfer of the pupils to the new one, so when the school opened Douglas was first in line having queued since 8am.

The caretaker let him in, but because of the snow that affected the winter of 1962/63 was soon closed, and when it reopened two days later, Douglas was once again first in line.

Although he was due to leave school the following summer he stayed on for an extra year to get more qualifications.

Douglas can't really explain why he chose the army as a career except that he felt it suited his inquisitive nature and his brother John was already a soldier.

Having passed the relevant entry exams his first posting was to Arborfield near Reading. He spent three years training as a vehicle mechanic under an apprentice tradesman course, qualifying as a 2nd class starred pupil.

His first unit was the Queen's Dragoon Guards at Warminster who were posted to Detmold in Germany where they were responsible for the servicing of Centurion and then later Chieftain Tanks. They also provided the armed escort to the civilian British Frontier Service who worked on the East/West German boundary (the Iron Curtain).

Further tours took him to Malta for three years and Cyprus, which included short detachments to many of the Mediterranean countries.

Back in the UK he was posted to Gillingham in Kent where the soldiers used a local pub called The White House. Unknown to Douglas the pub was run by his future in-laws.

Then posted to the headquarters of the NATO Allied Forces Central Europe in Holland he worked with soldiers of many different nationalities.

An artificers training course in Hampshire saw him promoted to Staff Sergeant and a posting to the Aerial Delivery section at the Joint Air Transport Establishment at Brize Norton specialising into research of aerial delivery by parachute.

In his three and a half year posting he was involved in the trials of the first airdrop from the stretched version of the Hercules aircraft.

Further postings followed including Germany with the Coldstream Guards, then onto Cyprus where he became interested in Freemasonry and was approached by a fellow military man to join. When he was posted to Northern Ireland on special duties in the early-mid he joined the Hollywood Lodge on the outskirts of Belfast.

With retirement looming Douglas was posted to Warminster in late 1985 where he decided to take a job at the REME workshops ensuring equipment was Fit For Role. This involved the inspection of aerial delivery items such as parachutes, underslung helicopter equipment and abseiling ropes in use by many varied units around the South West of England.

On leave before taking up the post he returned to Beaminster and bought a cottage in Fleet Street in which he still lives, in readiness for life as a civilian.

He retired in 1988 with the rank of WO1 ASM (Warrant Officer 1st Class, Artificer Sergeant Major).

We conclude Douglas' story in two weeks time with life in civvy street.



'Walk Your Way' to school this May in celebration of Walk to School Week

This May, children right across West Dorset will be striding out on the pavements as they take part in a very important event: National Walk to School Week 2010 (17 – 21 May).

This year, the theme is 'Walk Your Way' which aims to encourage parents and children to get to know their local neighbourhood better by exploring it on foot. In addition to learning more about their local environment, children will be able to learn to orientate themselves on the journey to and from school, as well as learning vital road safety skills and keeping active!

National charity Living Streets works to create safe, attractive and enjoyable streets around the UK. They run the highly successful Walk to School campaign, which encourages over two million children, parents and teachers to leave their cars at home and walk to school.

Over the past two decades, the number of children who walk to school has dropped from 62% to 48%, with an enormous 43% being driven to school in cars - despite the fact that the majority of primary school pupils live within a 20 minute walk of their school.

During Walk to School Week this year, we are asking parents and children to give it a go and to 'Walk Your Way' to school. It's already established that walking is key in fighting childhood obesity, but it can also be beneficial to children in other ways, helping them learn vital road safety skills, to interact with their local environment and to become 'streetwise' and develop independence.

Tony Armstrong, Chief Executive of Living Streets said:

"Young children are often bundled from front door to car door without the opportunity to get out on foot, to learn about road safety and to get to know their local neighbourhood.

"Often parents say they don't have the time to walk, but many people underestimate the time it takes to travel by car or public transport and overestimate how long it takes to walk. By walking, children can be taught important road safety messages, feel part of their community and gain the confidence they deserve.

"Even if you feel you live too far to commute the whole way on foot, why not try to 'park and stride'? You can find somewhere to park away from the school and walk the rest of the way. Not only will you miss the rush to find a parking space, but you will also help ease congestion around the school and fit in some exercise for you and your children."

For more information about national Walk to School Week, please visit www.walktoschool.org.uk.

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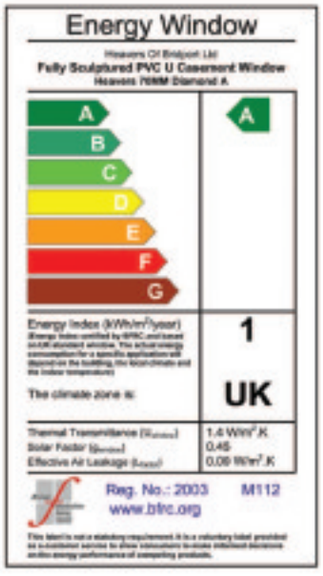
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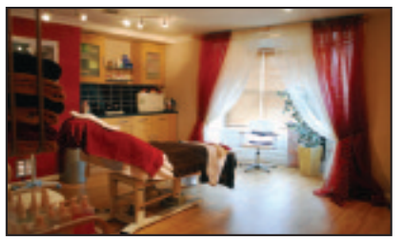


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The New Curiosity Shop – not just on your High Street but now online!

The New Curiosity Shop was established in November 2008 as the first shop to open on the Brewery Square development in the heart of Dorchester town centre. It is the perfect setting for this wonderful store, as it is surrounded by other superb traders such as neighbouring Simon's Deli and Panini's Café. The shop itself has a vibrant and varied range that truly puts the individuality back into your shopping basket. This is complemented by its beautifully designed lay out and décor.

The New Curiosity Shop is proud to offer it's customers "inspirational gifts, jewellery and furniture", a claim which is delivered on all counts, with quality items that you will be proud to own and show to your friends and family.

Coeur de Lion is a world-renowned jewellery range, famous for its cubed collection of necklaces, bracelets and earrings. The Spring/Summer collection is now in-store. For the guys they also feature Fred Bennett for men, a modern range of silver and stainless steel pendants, bracelets and rings; as well as the Simon Carter iconic British collection that includes contemporary style cufflinks, wallets, pens, bags and coming soon retro style watches.

You will also discover some unusual items which are certain to become must have items in the near future such as Reisenthel's chic shopping baskets and bags. These are flawless in design and versatile for shopping in style about town or at the local market.

Sarah Hough creates contemporary paper goods on 100% recycled paper. She is proud that her stationery is both designed and printed in Dorset. This range is available through The New Curiosity Shop along side rustic hand made furniture made from reclaimed timber and metal in the designers Dorset workshop. These are beautiful, functional and unique pieces of furniture including bespoke mirrors, coffee tables, display units and wine racks. Continuing the home and interior theme, a Dorset based award winning photographer shows atmospheric photographs of Dorset coast and landscapes through the shop. These are sold as stunning signed mounted prints ready to be framed.

If you have children, you will want to check out the Radioflyer range which includes wagons, trikes and ride-ons which are retro, fun and very popular last year with festival goers with children. High quality and made to last, Radioflyer is now in its 92nd year. Radioflyer create some of the world's best-loved toys.

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The first of these will be their Gluten-Free Day on Saturday 15th May, which concludes Coeliac Awareness Week. Throughout the day Char-Chars will have a selection of tasty gluten-free, dairy-free and lactose-free products for you to sample.

Having developed a mild wheat intolerance herself last year, co-owner Sonja Morgan has found it increasingly difficult to find tasty gluten-free snacks or light lunches when out shopping. "There's a varying quality of gluten-free products available, many of which compromise on taste", says Sonja. "We've strived to find good quality gluten-free food so that coeliacs or people with mild wheat intolerances can enjoy as really tasty light snacks." At Char-Chars you'll find gluten-free soup and sandwiches, delicious cakes and brownies and you could even have a cream tea or toasted teacake! According to one customer recently "you wouldn't know they're gluten-free!"

And what better to accompany it than a good cup of tea! Although you'll see over 30 different teas on offer, owners Sonja and Phil Morgan have designed their tea menu to help make your choice easy. 'We are passionate about our tea and only serve the finest quality loose leaf, but there are thousands of teas on the market and the choice can be daunting. If you know what you like or simply want to be adventurous, our menu will help you choose'. Staff at Char-Chars share their passion about tea too, and with a different tea frequently on the brew, you can invariably sample something a little different.

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JAMBO - Dorchester Festival is back!

It's great to be back with a stunning line-up of events to blow your socks off! From the Congo to Algeria, Dorchester Festival brings you a taste of Africa with it's sights, sounds and even smells coming to Dorset for six days of great events this May!

Pulsating rhythms, spectacular dancers and hundreds of children in African-inspired costumes come together for a free weekend of music, dance and celebration over the end of May bank holiday. Performances from African music legend Kanda Bongo Man and stand-up comedy talent Gina Yashere head a stunning line up of international artists appearing in the Festival's evening venues.

And to top it off - a North African "souk" will transform the streets with a diverse range of African textiles, leather and other products and a range of exotic food and drink.

"It's going to be an amazing festival with something for everybody," said artistic director Sharon Hayden. "There will be dozens of free daytime events throughout the town on bank holiday Saturday, Sunday and Monday and evening events spread across the week."

Highlights include Spacehoppers - a new show for 3-7 year olds by acclaimed children's theatre company Tell Tale Hearts, Tea and Talk with novelist Salley Vickers, and Dorchester Arts' third visual art Open exhibition in the centre's newly refurbished rear hall.

The Festival offers a rare chance to see newly developed cutting edge small-scale theatre - The Tragic and Disturbing Tale of Little Lupin and small-scale horror show - The Little Box of Horrors.



PULSATING PROGRAMME: Dorchester Festival Artistic Director Sharon Hayden (left) with administrator Irene Archibald, membership manager Mike Furze, Boad member Rod Drew, Marketing officer Bruno Sajno and young helpers Issy and Archie.

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They also found a copy of the Abbot's Bible with a 15th century cover over a 12th century manuscript, lodged up the main chimney.

Derek is a chef and prepares most of the food which he tries to source from local farms and producers in the country. All of the cakes and scones are baked fresh every morning, and they serve good, hearty breakfasts from 7.30am to 10.00am.

As well as the traditional 'cream teas' there is always homemade soup of the day, a wide selection of sandwiches and hot baguettes and a daily 'specials' board.

The building is also a favourite for paranormal investigators and is said to be one of the most haunted places in England!

There's a lot happening at Dorset County Museum!



Fans of Thomas Hardy can enjoy a unique opportunity on Thursday 13 May to hear a rehearsed read-through, with music, of a brand new play by Peter John Cooper. She Opened the Door takes place on an autumn evening in the garden of Max Gate, the Dorchester home of Thomas Hardy. The play weaves together real and imaginary women from Hardy's life and at the end of the performance the creative team will answer questions from the audience. Tickets cost £5 and the reading starts at 7.00pm.

At 7.30pm on Friday 14 May historian Philip Mansel is giving a talk entitled 'Dress and Power from Napoleon to Osama'. Tickets cost £5.

On Saturday 15 May all six museums in Dorchester will stay open from 5pm to 9pm for Museums at Night. Buy a family ticket from one of the museums (Dorset County Museum, Tutankhamun Exhibition, Terracotta Warriors, the Teddy Bear and Dinosaur Museums and The Keep Military Museum) for just £6 (or £10 on the night) to get into all six – that's just £1 for the whole family for each museum! You can also use your entry ticket to get special deals on drinks, food and snacks during the evening from participating cafés and restaurants – see lists at each museum. The exciting new exhibition at Dorset County Museum - Alice Kettle: Allegory - features the dramatic, contemporary embroidery of artist Alice Kettle. Art and design students and many others can enjoy a Masterclass at 7pm on Wednesday 2 June where Alice will discuss her work and take questions from the audience. Tickets cost just £5. Entry to the exhibition, which runs until 26 June, is free and many of the works are for sale.

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With petrol increasing in price all the time, isn't it time you looked at a folding bike? With improvements in design and materials modern folding bikes are great to ride and fold very easily. Typically most fold in just 15 seconds or less! Then pop it in to its case or cover then hop on the bus or train, a great way to travel. Dorchester Cycles stock a range of folding bikes from Brompton and Giant plus new for 2010 we are now stockists for the Dahon range. Designed in California and with 28 years experience these are great value, good looking and fun to ride. Pop in and see their demonstrator so you can try one for yourself!

Dorchester Cycles are once again organizing The Great Dorset Bike Ride for the 31st year which is a FREE event. Starting at Dorchester's Top 'o Town car park on Sunday June 6th at 10am the fully signposted route will take you through Stinsford, Tincleton, Clouds Hill, Worgret Heath, Wareham, Arne and Corfe Castle. You then head back to Dorchester through Church Knowle, East Stoke, Wool, Moreton, and West Stafford. Dorchester's Town Crier Alistair Chisholm will be sending us on our way, and last year upwards of 200 cyclists enjoyed the ride, why not come along this year? They look forward to seeing you at the start!



Tea and history anyone?

The Duke of Monmouth landed at Lyme Regis on the 11th June 1685 to challenge King James' claim to the throne, following the death of Charles II. He assembled an army in excess of 3,000 men and marched to Sedgemoor in Somerset.

He was defeated by the King's army in less than a month. Around 1300 were taken prisoner. Five Judges came to Dorchester with the infamous Judge Jeffreys, whose reputation was that of the 'hanging judge'.

In September 1685, 312 cases were heard in the Oakroom at the rear of the Antelope Hotel; of these 292 were sentenced to death. Only 74 were executed, with 175 transported, 9 were fined or whipped and 54 were discharged.

Judge Jeffreys – having his eye on promotion – was later made Lord Chancellor.

When King James fell and William of Orange landed in Torbay, Jeffreys was captures and imprisoned in the Tower of London. He died in 1689 while awaiting trial, probably of natural causes.





Rumours at the time said he has been poisoned while in the Tower and that his body had been returned to Dorchester and walled up in the Courtroom – now the Oakroom.

This 17th Century Oak panelled room has been carefully restored to maintain its character and original features.

Today it is called The Oakroom and is a delightful tearoom, with a peaceful, tranquil atmosphere, replicating the style and service of a Lyons Corner House.

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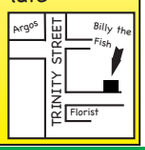
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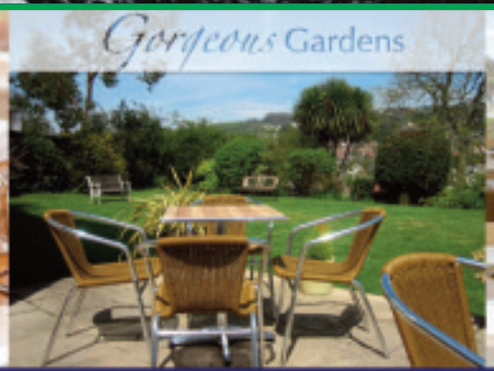
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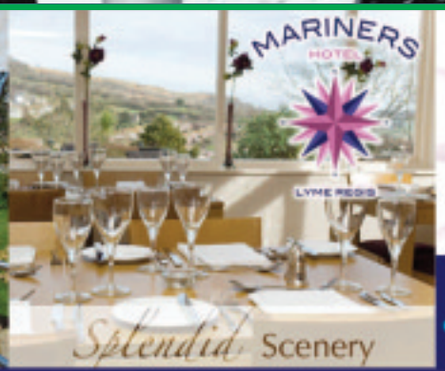
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View 2 Music

Fairport Convention: Still going strong

THE David Hall in South Somerset has steadily built-up a well earned reputation as one one of the South West's premier venues for folk music. Last week folk rock legends Fairport Convention played not one but two nights at the former church, confirming the South Petherton venue's status.

Fairport have been at the top of their genre for more than 40 years. Their first self-titled album was released in 1967, but it wasn't until *What We Did On Our Holidays* a year later that things got really interesting. It was on this album Sandy Denny joined the already impressive line-up, that included the likes of esteemed singer-songwriter Richard Thompson, and the band's place in the history books seemed assured.

The following year's album (in those days it was the norm for a group to release at least one new album every year) featured Sandy's 'Who Knows Where The Time Goes?' which won a recent a recent BBC Radio Two poll to find listeners' Favourite Folk Track Of All Time.

That tune's parent album, *Unhalfbricking*, is seen as transitional, with the band moving away from its American influences to more traditional English folk songs. The next record, *Liege & Leaf,* cemented British folk rock as a specific genre and remains one of the most celebrated of all folk albums to this day.



OLD BANDMATE | Guitarist and singer-songwriter Richard Thompson was in Fairport Convention from 1967-1971 when the band was at its peak

Fast forward 41 years later; Richard Thompson has long left the band and Sandy Denny has been dead for 32 years. Line-ups have changed and the band's fortunes have gone both up and down, but the current Fairport has been together for 12 years and features lead singer and guitarist Simon Nicol (whose involvement with the band can be traced right back to the first album) as well as bass player Dave Pegg (who played on most of those classic Thompson and Denny era albums).

It goes without saying the band are still revered, especially amongst folk fans. The group even organise their own annual festival - Fairport's Cropredy Convention - which attracts around 20,000 people every year.

The second of last week's concerts, which I was lucky enough to catch, was a demonstration of superb musicianship and a folk band still at the top of their game.

There may have been one too many bad jokes and plugs for their Cropredy festival, but a sterling performance nevertheless. Some members of the bands looked almost smug as they played their eclectic mixture of instruments that included a bass ukulele and an electric octave mandolin (which looked like an odd-shaped eight-string guitar).

Highlights of the evening included a number featuring all of the band on ukulele as well as a haunting tribute to Sandy Denny with an emotive version of 'Who Knows Where The Time Goes?'

As much as I enjoyed the night, I did go home with the impression I'd missed the band at their best. I stayed up until the small hours tracking down classic Fairport tunes from the late Sixties and early Seventies.

Who *does* know where the time goes?



THESE DAYS | The current Fairport Convention line-up has been together for 12 years

by James Coles

Oscar for the Marine Theatre

WRITTEN and performed in 1960 by honorary Irish theatrical polymath Micheál Mac Liammóir, The Importance of Being Oscar toured the world to critical exultation and popular adulation. Fifty years on, the show is as captivating and magical as ever, and is coming to the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis as part of a UK tour by the Original Theatre Company.

Staged as a single-hander, and directed by Tom Neill, The Importance of Being Oscar is a tribute to Oscar Wilde, the first modern man; a theatrical luminary and flamboyant socialite, as his private and public lives are creatively juxtaposed with extracts from his poems, letters, plays and novels including, amongst others 'An Ideal Husband', 'The Picture of Dorian Gray' and 'The Ballad of Reading Gaol'.

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde's was born in 1854 into an Anglo-Irish family in Dublin, and his rich and dramatic portrayals of the human condition were a celebrated feature of the Victorian era. Regarded as one of the nation's greatest playwrights and famous for his superbly sharp wit, Wilde wrote and produced nine plays during his lifetime, and one novel: The Picture of Dorian Gray. His works continue to be widely performed today especially The Importance of Being Earnest.

Originally commissioned in 2009 to celebrate South Hill Park Arts Centre's 25th anniversary, The Importance of Being Oscar has been freshly re-directed and designed for touring by nationally renowned Original Theatre Company. Formed in 2004 by Creative Director Alastair Whatley, The Original Theatre Company is an acclaimed touring company based in the market town of Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk. The company has built up its ever increasing reputation performing new and classical texts with its own brand of daring innovation; playing often in unconventional locations - cliff tops, abbey ruins, school yards, stately homes, libraries, football grounds and pub gardens. In recent years the company has ventured into touring Great Britain's theatres. Original Theatre has played some of the smallest, some of the oldest and some of the largest and most prestigious theatres in the country.

The Importance of Being Oscar is at the Marine Theatre on Friday, May 21st at 8pm. Tickets cost £11.50 (£9.50), available from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138, on the door, or online at www.marinetheatre.org.uk.



IMPORTANTLY EARNEST The Importance of Being Oscar is at the Marine Theatre on May 21st



Get Stompin'

FOLLOWING an explosive warm up set for world famous Hayseed Dixie in March, Stompin' Dave Allen will be playing with his full Electric Band in Friday, May 14th.

The audience at Hayseed Dixie had travelled from far and wide and most were unfamiliar with Dave's unique performance style. Within minutes, Stompin' Dave had everyone dancing and hollering for more!

Gabby Hitchin of the Electric Palace said "Stompin' Dave Allen's performance was absolutely terrific, he really was the perfect choice to get the crowd warmed up for Hayseed Dixie.

It's great to have famous acts appearing at the Palace, but it's also important to recognise the local talent that we have. Dave has been very active the past 10 years, performing at Glastonbury Festival, The Great Dorset Steam Fair, Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival Festival, Southsea Folk & Roots Festival, and Wessex Folk Festival to name but a few. Dave gave over 200 performances in 2009 and is set to do the same again this year!"

Stompin' Dave Allen performs American roots music on guitar, five-string banjo, fiddle, piano, harmonica, vocals and tap dancing. He is also due to compete in The American National Bluegrass Banjo and Guitar contests in Kansas again this year.

Accompanying Dave in his band is the vastly experienced Graham V. Bundy on drums. Bundy has worked as a professional drummer for 20 years, performing with rockabilly luminaries such as Nashville Star's Jody Evans, and Dave Saunders is on bass, and is a founder member of award winning blues band The Producers.

Tickets are £5 in advance and £6 on the door and are on sale now from Bridport Tourist Information Centre on 01308 424901 and Bridport Music on 01308 425707.

Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

"I remember, I remember/The house where I was born/The little window where the sun/Came peeping in at morn.."

THOMAS Hood's poem, of which these are the opening lines, has appeared in numerous anthologies on both sides of the Atlantic. It evokes, for many readers, memories of their own childhood days. A similarly nostalgic poem was written by Abraham Lincoln. The 16th U.S. President was a contemporary of Hood's so it is unlikely either would have been aware of the other man's work. At twenty verses the full poem is longer than his 278-word Gettysburg address. This is the first half of it.

My Childhood Home I See Again

My childhood's home I see again,
And sadden with the view;
And still, as memory crowds my brain,
There's pleasure in it too.

O Memory! thou midway world
'Twixt earth and paradise,
Where things decayed and loved ones lost
In dreamy shadows rise,

And, freed from all that's earthly vile,
Seem hallowed, pure, and bright,
Like scenes in some enchanted isle
All bathed in liquid light.

As dusky mountains please the eye
When twilight chases day;
As bugle-tones that, passing by,
In distance die away;

As leaving some grand waterfall,
We, lingering, list its roar--
So memory will hallow all
We've known, but know no more.

Near twenty years have passed away
Since here I bid farewell
To woods and fields, and scenes of play,
And playmates loved so well.

Where many were, but few remain
Of old familiar things;
But seeing them, to mind again
The lost and absent brings.

The friends I left that parting day,
How changed, as time has sped!
Young childhood grown, strong manhood gray,
And half of all are dead.

I hear the loved survivors tell
How nought from death could save,
Till every sound appears a knell,
And every spot a grave.

I range the fields with pensive tread,
And pace the hollow rooms,
And feel (companion of the dead)
I'm living in the tombs.

There are not many politician-poets, are there? Apart from Hilaire Belloc, I can't think of another one. Perhaps the two professions are not compatible, with poets seeking truth and politicians being chiefly involved in deception.

As Belloc himself wrote:

Epitaph on a Politician

Here William lies, in truth; before he died
For forty mortal years in truth he lied!

Most of us, if we look back to our early life, would find – as Lincoln did – both sadness and pleasure are there.

The Past

When I was young
I thought that to forget all sorrow,
pain and grief
I needed to discard all the things
that reminded me of the past
and go forward.

Now I know we do not forget so easily
and wish I had the things I tossed away.
Because the pain softens with time
and things become more
precious with time.

Now I wish I had
an attic full of my past
to pass the time
on rainy afternoons.

If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: "Poetry for Pleasure", Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF.
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Po to play the Palace

PO' GIRL have become one of the most successful bands ever to emerge from Canada, weaving a blend of musical influences, sweetness, grit and soul. These urban minstrels pen harmony drenched melodies you'll find yourself humming, wowing audiences across the globe with their powerful, passionate and spirited live show.

The group was formed after the release of the first two Be Good Tanyas albums, when Trish Klein (of the Be Good Tanyas) collaborated with Allison Russell. They released their self-titled debut album in 2003 to rave reviews. Now, after honing their sound in 13 countries over the last 24 months, the ladies have released their fifth album 'Deer in the Night' as a true testament to their bond and to their tremendous growth as writers.

Po' Girl may be a quartet, but in any given concert you're likely to hear them playing a dozen instruments. "Different songs call for different instruments," said Allison Russell, Po' Girl's lead vocalist who sings with a hypnotic vibrato. "I write songs on guitar, piano, banjo and clarinet." The band showcases melodies from instruments as diverse as banjo, clarinet, harmonica, dobro, accordion and gutbucket bass.

Po' Girl's sound has echoes of speakeasy jazz, the western lament and the accordion-strapped ghosts of European folk, all delivered with a soulful clarity and depth and has been compared with that of The Band, Hazel Dickens, Tracy Chapman, Natalie Merchant, Elizabeth Cotton and Norah Jones.

As part of their UK album launch tour, Po' Girl will be performing an intimate concert at the Electric Palace, Bridport on Saturday 22nd May. It's a real treat to have the opportunity to see such a famous and talented band perform in such an intimate venue. Tickets are on sale now for £10 / £9 for members from The Electric Palace and Bridport Music Centre.

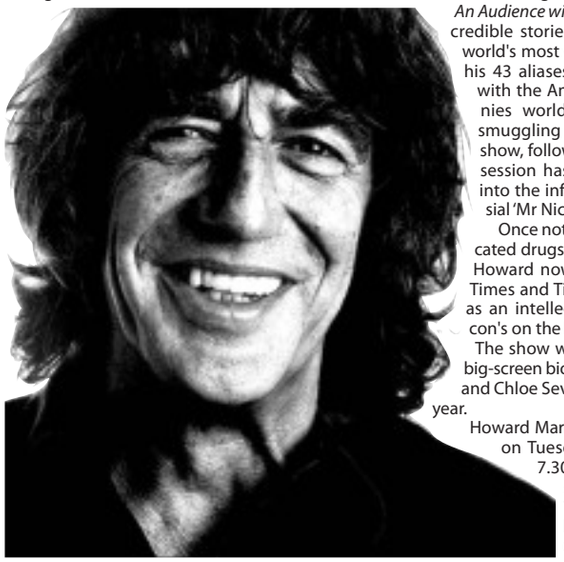


Po' Girl will be supporting their fifth album 'Deer in the Night'

Nice guys finish last, but not Mr Nice

HOWARD Marks, author of the international best seller 'Mr Nice', brings his live show to the Electric Palace.

Marks became famous for his worldwide smuggling network (set up with friends and fellow students of Oxford university), which was allegedly responsible for most of the marijuana smoked in the western world during the 70s and 80s. Marks also worked as a teacher, and as an MI6 agent.



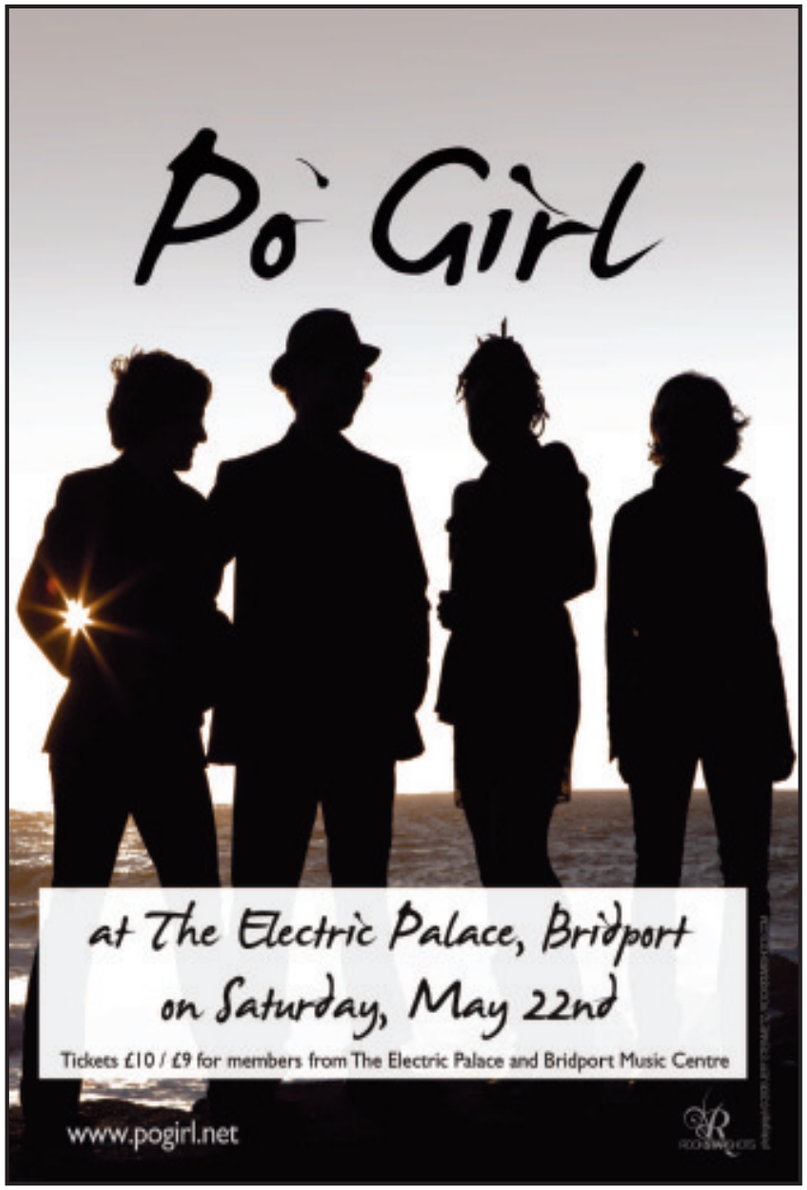
An Audience with Howard Marks will feature incredible stories from his days as one of the world's most wanted men, an agent for MI6, his 43 aliases, major cannabis deals direct with the American CIA and his 25 companies world-wide from his international smuggling empire days. Howard's live show, followed by a question and answers session has become a legendary insight into the infamous world of the controversial 'Mr Nice'.

Once noted as one of 'the most sophisticated drugs baron of all time' (Daily Mirror) Howard now writes for the Observer, The Times and Time Out where he is respected as an intellectual expert on the pro's and con's on the legalisation of Cannabis.

The show will also act as a preview of the big-screen biopic, 'Mr Nice', starring Rhys Ifans and Chloe Sevigny, which is due out later this year.

Howard Marks will be at the Electric Palace on Tuesday, May 18th. Doors open at 7.30pm, and tickets for event are £15, available from the Bridport Tourist Information Centre, or by calling the box office on 01308 424901





View 2 TV

Is Lord Sugar going soft?

LORD Alan Sugar says he won't be quite as harsh on the contestants in Junior Apprentice.

The teen version of the business show puts 16 and 17-year-olds in the firing line as they compete to win £25,000.

Lord Alan revealed that he will be more like a headmaster who the candidates will "love to hate", adding: "Obviously I spoke to these teenagers in a different manner. I realise these kids have to go back to school and I don't want anyone to take the mickey out of them.

"The knack of talking to youngsters is not to be too condescending but also to have a firmness about what you're saying. But at the same time recognising that you shouldn't kind of vilify them individually."

The 10 finalists have been whittled down from 28,000 applicants and include a teenage online camping and fishing entrepreneur. Junior Apprentice begins on Wednesday, May 12th on BBC1.



SWEET AS SUGAR Lord Alan has revealed his role in Junior Apprentice is more like that of a headmaster

CHRISTOPHER Eccleston may be starring in the upcoming BBC Four drama Lennon Naked, but he says he's no Beatles fan.

"John Lennon is not a hero of mine. But I love him because he is so deeply flawed as a human being and he left so much for us," said the actor. As for recreating that famous naked photo with Yoko Ono, he added: "You think, 'Well, he did it'. So you do it. I just held my stomach in."



NO HERO OF MINE Ecclestone doesn't count Lennon among his heroes, but enjoys his role as the Beatle

BRITAIN'S Got Talent rapper DJ Talent is planning to propose to Cheryl Cole when he auditions in front of the pop star on the next series of The X Factor.

He revealed: "I've got a diamond ring and I am going to get down on one knee and propose to her. I won't spare any expense. We can have our reception in McDonald's with all our mates tucking into Happy Meals! And I want Simon to be best man."

by Philip Evans



FOR REAL? DJ Talent plans to pop the question to pop starlet Cheryl Cole



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Rogue Theatre return to the Bridport Arts Centre tonight (Wednesday, May 12 May) at 7.30pm with their latest innovative theatrical extravaganza The Family: an evening of stories, dark secrets, music and intrigue. Tickets from the Arts Centre Box office £10, £9 for Supporters, and £5 for concessions. Call 01308 424204 for tickets or more details.

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ACADEMY Award winning actor, Russell Crowe, best known for his role in "Gladiator", will reinvent the legendary Robin Hood in today's big release.

Based in 12th Century England, Sir Robin Longstride – known as Robin Hood – returns to his northern village after fighting in the Third Crusade, only to discover his villagers suffering the oppression caused by the new Sheriff of Nottingham, played by Matthew Macfadyen ("Pride and Prejudice").

With the help of his Merry Men, Robin – famous for stealing from the rich to help the poor – rescues him home village from tyranny and corruption, whilst also attempting to win over the recently widowed Lady Marian, played by multi award winning actress Cate Blanchett.

The film has been described as a "more thoughtful" version of the well-known story, still with plenty of action, and Crowe's portrayal of Robin Hood "grittier, realistic and believable".

Having loved the character since childhood, Crowe took the role despite rumours that he was unhappy with the script. He spent 10 months reading books about the legend in preparation.

This is the fifth time Crowe has worked with Ridley Scott and movie fans have set themselves high expectations, hoping this could be the next "Gladiator".

"Robin Hood" (12A), directed by Ridley Scott, will be released at the Cannes Film Festival today (Wednesday).

THIS summer is set to be a hit with movie fans, with several anticipated sequels coming to the big screen.

"Sex and the City 2", "Shrek Forever After" in 3D, "The Eclipse" – third in the popular "Twighlight" saga – and "Toy Story 3" in 3D are just some of the big releases expected over the next few months.

Keep reading my weekly film column for details on new releases.

by Francesca Evans

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Friday, May 14th - Thursday, May 20th

Robin Hood (12A) - Daily: (19.45), Sat/Sun/Wed: 15.00, 19.45

How To Train Your Dragon (PG) - Sat/Sun: 13.00

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Street Dance 3D (PG) - Sat & Sun: 12.30, 15.00

Furry Vengeance (PG) - Daily: 17.40, Plus Sat & Sun: 13.00, 15.20

Hot Tub Time Machine (15) - Daily: 20.00, Plus Wed: 15.00

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www.cineworld.co.uk

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Sun & Mon: 14.30, 17.25, 20.30 Plus Sun: 11.30,
Tue - Thu: 14.30, 17.25, 20.30

Street Dance 3D (PG) - Sat & Sun: 10.00, 12.15, 14.30, 16.45, 19.00, 21.15

Nightmare On Elm Street (18)
Fri & Sat: 14.40, 17.00, 19.20, 21.40, Plus Sat: 12.20

Clash of the Titans 3D (12A) - Fri & Sat: 18.30, 21.00

Furry Vengeance (PG) - Fri & Sat: 13.50, 16.10, Plus Sat 11.30

Hot Tub Time Machine (15)
Fri & Sat: 14.20, 16.40, 19.00, 21.20 Plus Sat: 12.00

How To Train Your Dragon 3D (PG)
Fri & Sat: 13.30, 16.10 Plus Sat: 11.10

Iron Man 2 (12A)
Fri: 14.15, 15.15, 17.15, 18.15, 20.15, 21.15 Sat: 12.15, 15.15, 18.15, 21.15

The Back-Up Plan (12A) - Fri & Sat: 18.30, 20.50

Four Lions (15) - Fri & Sat: 13.25, 15.50, 18.20, 20.45

Alvin & The Chipmunks 2 (U) - Sat: 10.20

Astro Boy (PG) - Sat: 10.00

Venice Beach fashion model to give colour make over at South Chard Church

LORRAINE Poulton, ex-model from Venice Beach (where Baywatch was filmed!), colour consultant, makeup artist and life coach is set to give a make over and colour analysis (as in colour-me-beautiful!) at South Chard Church's 3rd annual Woman's Conference: 21st Century Women.

The theme for this year's conference is 'Smile' and alongside Lorraine, Jenny Reid, co pastor of South Chard Church and Yvonne Brooks, the Founder and Director of Women of Purpose Ministries, will also be speaking.

Jenny Reid from South Chard Church said, 'In today's society the stresses and busyness of everyday life can often cause women to have low moods and even depression. Our conference this year is called Smile. Smile because God is thinking about you, smile because he has some great things in store for you, and smile because when women get together, they can't help but make each other laugh!'

The event is on Saturday, May 22nd 2010, 9.30am - 5pm. The cost is £12, which includes a 2 course lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

For more details contact Jenny Reid at South Chard Church on 01460 221215 or check out the website at www.southchard.org





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WEDNESDAY MAY 12TH
DORCHESTER: Real Nappy Roadshow, South Street from 10am - 1pm. New mums and dads can find out how to save money and help the environment at a real nappy roadshow organised by Dorset County Council. Visit www.dorsetforyou.com/realnappies for more details.

THURSDAY MAY 13TH
WEYMOUTH: Tai Chi event at the Jubilee Enterprise Centre to raise funds for Bullying UK. In the large car park at the centre will be carrying out a morning tai chi session in the open air from 8.30am - 9am, then into Nutritrain Southwest for coffee, croissants etc for breakfast.

FRIDAY MAY 14TH
UPLYME: Pamper Evening in aid of Mrs Ethelstons CE School and Cancer Research at Uplyme Village Hall from 7pm - 10pm. Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles. Treatments will be available from a range of therapists at £3 each, and products from local businesss will be on sale.

SATURDAY MAY 15TH
LYME REGIS: Spring Auction at the Ship Inn from 8pm onwards. Organised by Lyme Regis Pre School. Telephone 01297 445996 for more details.
BRIDPORT: A Spring Concert of Music Old and New from the Bridport Choral Society at 7.30pm at United Reform Church in East Street. Tickets in advance from Tourist Information Bureau or Bridport Music Shop or at the door. Adults £6, children £3.50.
BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'Casablanca' in Bothenhampton Village Hall at 7.30pm, doors open 7pm.
WEYMOUTH: Coffee Morning, Table Top Sale and Auction at St Edmund's Hall, Lanehouse Rocks Road. 11am - 3pm. Telephone 01305 775553 for more details.

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CHARMOUTH: Bingo at St Andrews Community Hall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Lots of prizes. (All proceeds to the Community Hall fund) Telephone 07813513062 for more details.
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SUNDAY MAY 30TH
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Not rotten in the slightest!

ReView | Die Roten Punkte, Marine Theatre
Thursday, May 6th

What do you get if you cross The White Stripes, Kraftwerk, early New York punk and Spinal Tap? That's easy: Otto and Astrid Roten, aka Die Roten Punkte.

As the band came onto the stage, with a slightly askew resemblance of the aforementioned White Stripes, it seemed the fifty or so audience members in attendance were unsure quite what to make at first. But after a false start sound check, it was clear to all that the band were ready to rock "the greatest city in England, Lyme Regis", whilst having us roll around on the floor laughing.

The performance was high energy, with both performers both physically very entertaining, particularly Otto, who has the frontman pouting and strutting down to a tee.

The songs, whilst all parodies of their respective genres, were so well played, and well written, that they could have been genuine hits.

The gags were freeflowing throughout the night too; the duo's (intentionally) broken use of the English language made for many laugh-out-loud innuendo's, and the band's banter with the audience, and with their lighting technician, also made for a laugh. The audience were a key part to the show, and although not great in numbers, the Marine Theatre crowd were willing to take part in the sing-a-longs organised by the two band members, quite often in competition with each other.

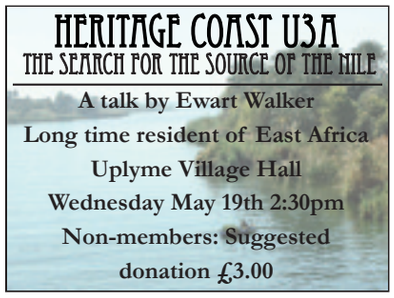
Certain themes repeated throughout the show, including Otto's love, and fear, of lions - as demonstrated on the song *Ich Bin Nicht Ein Roboter (I Am A Lion)*, a genuinely catchy electro-pop tune. There was also the questionable relationship between brother and sister (another nod to the White Stripes), and Astrid's troubles with drink and drugs.

Their set list included some of their 'hits' *Rock and Roll Monster, 4:13 to Spandau*, and encore 'Rock Bang' complete with join-in hand gestures.

Before going into the show, I had no idea what to expect, but if I'd had expectations, Die Roten Punkte would surely have surpassed them. The show had great songs, a simple and effective visual appeal and humour stretching from straight-forward one liners, innuendo and parodical in-jokes. I'm just hoping these guys can return to Lyme, so we can all get ready to 'Rock Bang' again!

Review by Rob Larcombe



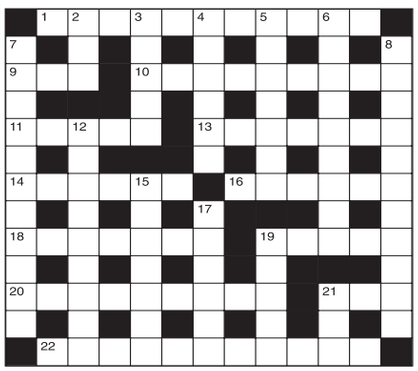


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16. Keep (6)
18. Hates (7)
19. Receiver of stolen goods (5)
20. Uprising (9)
21. Lettuce (3)
22. Eternal (5-6)

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2. Favourite (3)
3. Birds' homes (5)
4. King of the fairies (6)
5. Performer (7)
6. Amuse (9)
7. Mediators (11)
8. Unceremonious (4, 3, 4)
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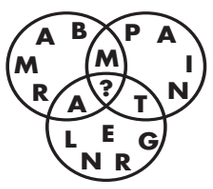
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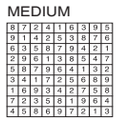
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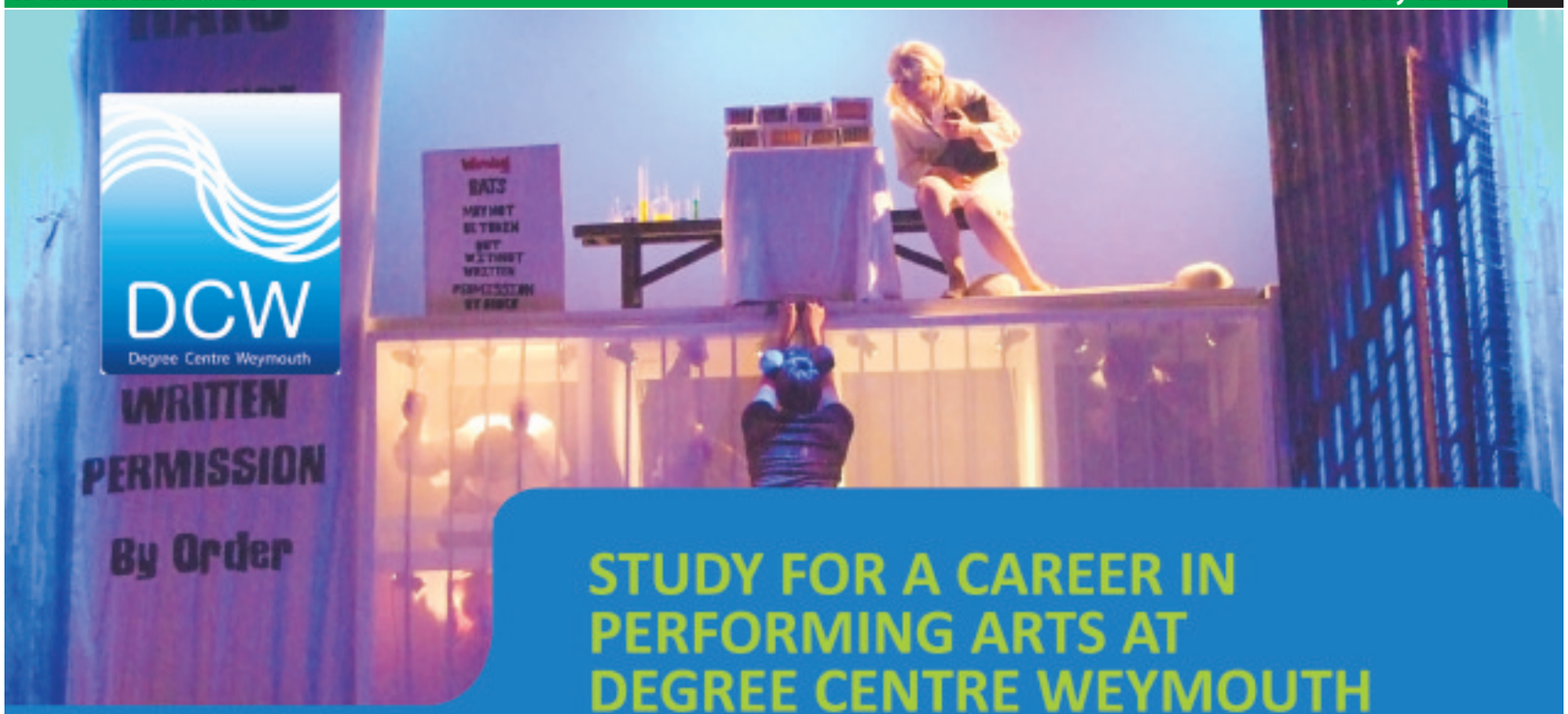


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BRIDPORT - £127,000



A well presented, 1st floor, ex local authority apartment in popular residential area, convenient for local store, Junior/Primary School and Leisure Centre. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, living room, kitchen, gas C. H., D. G., parking, views

BRIDPORT - £165,000



A superb 1st floor luxury apartment, purpose built for the over 55's, at market town centre. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, living room, kitchen, electric heating, double glazing, communal facilities, lift

BRIDPORT - £209,000



A well presented semi-detached family house capable of enlargement, popular residential area close to amenities on market town outskirts. 3 Bedrooms, bathroom, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, DG, garage/workshop, large garden, views

BRADPOLE - £210,000



A modern semi-detached bungalow in a popular residential area and enjoying a level site. 3 Bedrooms, bathroom, sitting room, kitchen, garage, gardens Gas CH, DG.

WEST BAY - £179,000



A well presented penthouse apartment in popular coastal village commanding exceptional sea and rural views. Double bedroom, bathroom, living room, kitchen, D. G., lift, parking.

BURTON BRADSTOCK - £265,000



A pretty mid terrace stone cottage requiring internal refurbishment enjoying a sought after location in a popular coastal village. 2 Bedrooms, bathroom, entrance lobby, large living room, kitchen, conservatory, garden, views, Gas CH

BOTHENHAMPTON - £350,000



A well presented detached bungalow, enjoying exceptional panoramic views from its elevated location. Master bed en-suite, 2 further beds, living room, kitchen, sun room, gas C. H., D. G., garage, large garden

BRIDPORT - £325,000



An exceptionally well presented and most spacious split level bungalow, with views. 2 bedrooms, 2 receptions, large conservatory, utility, Gas C. H., gardens

WEST BAY £225,000



Uninterrupted sea views extending to Portland from this purpose built 1st floor apartment on sea front of holiday/fishing village. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, living room, kitchen, sun room, D. G., elec heating, garage.

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UPLYME - £455,000




- Entrance Hall
- Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Living Room
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Open Plan Study
- Master Bedroom With En-Suite
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens

LYME REGIS - £335,000





- Situated on the edge of the town occupying a corner plot and backing onto open fields is this detached three bedroom bungalow.
- Hallway
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Master Bedroom With Ensuite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Garage
- Gardens

LYME REGIS - £465,000





- Situated in a desirable cul de sac Rathcairn is a spacious and well presented detached bungalow.
- Porch
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms With Ensuite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Study Area
- Parking
- Double Garage
- Gardens

LYME REGIS - £587,500




- Lounge/Dining Room With Elevated Balcony
- Kitchen
- Bedroom 1
- En-Suite Shower Room/Wc
- & Sun Terrace
- 4 Further Bedrooms (1 With En-Suite Shower Room/Wc)
- Family Bathroom
- Utility Room
- Large Cellar Storage
- Garage
- Parking
- Sun Patio And Large Gardens Including Orchard Area

LYME REGIS - £495,000




A modern spacious family home situated in a much sought after residential cul-de-sac. Lounge, large conservatory, dinning room/2nd lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, master bedroom with en suite, 3 further bedrooms, family bathroom. A cellar/workshop along with a double garage and views from the gardens.

LYME REGIS - £875,000





- A unique opportunity to acquire a charming detached Grade II listed thatched property currently run as a successful Bed and Breakfast business.
- Reception Area
- Dining Room
- Commercial Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Cellar
- Laundry Room
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- Garage • Parking For 11 Cars
- Gardens
- Views Along The Coastline
- Owners Accommodation: Lounge - 2 Bedrooms - Private Bathroom - Kitchen

LYME REGIS - £149,900



- A semi detached cottage ideal as a second home tucked away in historic part of Lyme Regis with parking and level walks to the shop and sea front.
- Sitting room / dining room
- kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- shower room
- courtyard garden

HAWKCHURCH - £280,000



- A spacious cottage style house situated close to the centre of this popular a picturesque Devon village.
- Hallway
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom • Gardens
- Workshop • Garage

LYME REGIS - £359,995



- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Two bathrooms
- Far reaching views
- Double garage
- Communal gardens
- Door entry system
- Close to Town
- No onward chain.

LYME REGIS - £189,950



Two bedroom semi detached house set in an elevated position with views across the town to the sea. The property also features a lounge and kitchen/breakfast room, enclosed rear garden with shed and two parking spaces. No stamp duty for first time buyers. Ideal investment opportunity with a rental income of a possible £625.00 per calendar month.

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CATHERSTON LEWESTON - £285,000





A most attractive 3 bed, freehold house forming part of the western wing of an impressive Grade II listed building.

- Entrance porch
- Large sitting/dining room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Period features throughout
- Garage
- Communal grounds
- Panoramic coastal views
- New GCH combi

CHARMOUTH - £575,000



An impressive 1920s 4 bed detached property with a range of outbuildings and good sized gardens situated on the Western side of Charmouth.

- Living/dining room with woodburner
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Parking
- Double-glazing
- Gas-fired central-heating
- New NHBC guarantee
- Close to beach and village centre

CHARMOUTH - £245,000



Delightful two/three bedroom semi-detached period cottage with rural views.

- Conservatory
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Office/Bedroom 3
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- Views towards Stonebarrow Hill

AXMINSTER - £340,000





Delightfully versatile, 3 bedroom detached chalet bungalow set in third acre plot with rural views across the Axe Valley.

- Conservatory with own entrance
- Hallway
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- Lounge
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- First Floor Master Bedroom with Shower Room
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage with Workshop
- Rural Views to the Rear

MORCOMBELAKE - £495,000





Delightful 3 bed modern detached house set in an elevated scenic position with panoramic views towards Lyme Bay.

- Hallway
- Kitchen/dining room
- Utility
- Study/Bedroom
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Master bedroom with dressing rom
- Paved gardens with panoramic coastal and rural views

CHARMOUTH - £179,000





Fresh, modern and spacious 2 bedroom, first floor apartment, close to Charmouth Beach and Village Centre

- Entrance Porch
- Hallway
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Newly re-fitted bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Close to sea
- Easy walk to shops

CHARMOUTH - £349,500





A light refurbished 3 bed period property near the centre of the village with garage and gardens.

- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Master bedroom with en suite shower room
- Two further Bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Rear southerly garden
- Garage and parking

CHARMOUTH - £349,500





A modern 5 year old three bed detached house situated in an elevated position on the western side of Charmouth. Currently operating as a successful holiday letting business.

- Entrance hallway
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Dining room
- Lounge
- Master bedroom with ensuite shower room
- Two further bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Small garden
- Parking
- Remainder of NHBC

CHARMOUTH - £279,950





A new brick built, detached, two bedroom bungalow a short, almost level walk from Charmouth Beach and from the village centre ammenities

- Vaulted living/dinng room
- Woodburner
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Parking
- Double glazing
- GFCH
- NHBC guarantee
- Close to beach and village centre

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LYME REGIS - £249,950





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WEST BAY - £320,000





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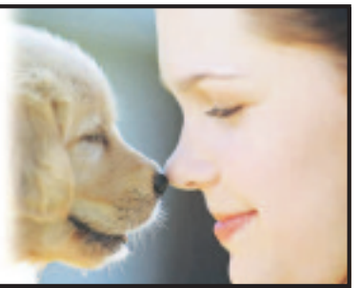

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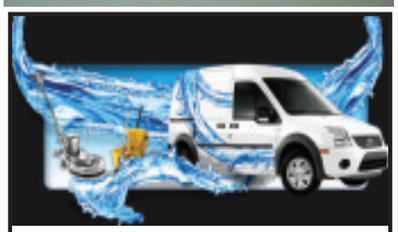


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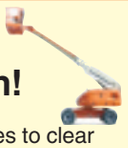
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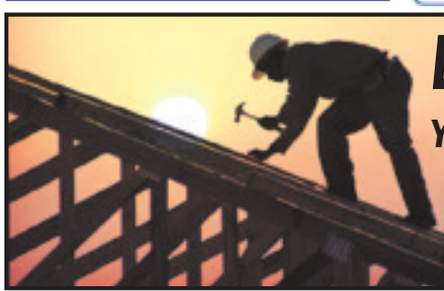
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Škoda Superb triumphs at Diesel car awards

- *Škoda Superb takes Best Large Car for second year running*
- *New Superb Estate takes the crown for Best Estate Car*
- *Yeti is announced as runner-up in new category; Best Crossover Car*

THE Škoda Superb has been named in the Diesel Car magazine's annual Car of the Year awards 2010, taking the top spot in two categories.

The Superb outshone the competition for the second year running in the Best Large Car category, whilst the new Superb Estate was named Best Estate Car winning over stiff competition from a number of other brands.

The Yeti was also recognised in the awards, earning the runners up spot in one of the new categories; best Crossover Car. Since its launch in September 2009 the Yeti has proved to be a runaway success, winning the Top Gear magazine 'Family Car of the Year' award and being shortlisted for European Car of the Year in 2010.

In recognition of the Superb's impressive design and value for money, the Diesel Car awards will join the array of other accolades that the Superb has picked up to date including the Top Gear Luxury Car of the Year Award in 2010.

Well deserving of the top spot in the Best Estate Car, the new Superb Estate was launched at the start of the year and is the largest and most luxurious car to ever wear the Škoda badge. Originally designed in the 1930s with luxury and elegance in mind, today's Superb range builds on these strengths, with more rear legroom than many prestige cars on the market and some ingenious technological advances such as AFS (adaptive front light system), touch screen technology and park assist.

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Škoda auto unveils new greenline Fabia and roomster models

FOLLOWING-on from the launch of the face-lifted Fabia and Roomster, Škoda Auto has unveiled the Fabia Estate GreenLine II and Roomster GreenLine II – the first of its second generation of environmentally-friendly GreenLine models.

The new model Fabia and Roomster's have been facelifted and fitted with new technology designed to further reduce fuel consumption and CO2 emission levels. The most important innovations include a new engine (1.2 TDI CR DPF/75bhp DPF) with Common Rail (high-pressure direct injection), start-stop technology, energy recuperation and gear recommendation (on a Maxi DOT display).

One of the biggest technological changes in the second-generation GreenLine version is a new three-cylinder turbocharged engine (1.2 TDI CR DPF/55 kW) with a consumption of just 83.1 mpg and CO2 emissions of 89 g/km for the Fabia Estate GreenLine II, and 67.3 and 109 g/km for the Roomster GreenLine II.

In addition to lower CO2 emissions, other contaminant levels have also been reduced. The new engine complies with the EU 5 emission standard that, for diesel engines, has stricter regulations for nitrogen oxides and solid particles. The gear ratios of the car's five-speed transmission are identical to those of the ordinary Fabia and Roomster models fitted with the same engine. As a result, the GreenLine II offers the same responsiveness yet with lower consumption.

The key benefits of the stop-start system stand out in busy city traffic. The system operates automatically, directly after the engine starts. If, after some time, the driver stops the vehicle, engages neutral and releases the clutch pedal, the engine switches off automatically. As soon as the driver presses the clutch, the engine starts again immediately. Stop-start makes it is possible to save up to 4.2mpg (combined) or up to 7.7 mpg in city traffic.

Energy recuperation is another state-of-the-art technology introduced on the new Fabia Estate GreenLine II and Roomster GreenLine II. Effective utilisation of the vehicle's kinetic energy for battery recharging is a simple system that helps to save fuel continuously. The two systems – Stop-Start and braking energy recovery work in partnership and, along with other measures, help to make the operation of these new models as environmentally-friendly as possible. The application of the energy recovery system has helped to reduce the CO2 emissions by 2 - 4 g/km.

Other technologies Škoda is introducing on the GreenLine II models to improve economy are the gear recommendation system, which helps the driver make optimum use of the engine's potential, a lowered and aerodynamically-covered chassis and, last but not least, low rolling resistance tyres.



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The 119g/km CO2 model - and specifically the TS2 trim level derivative which costs £17,355 on-the-road - has contributed to total fleet registrations of Mazda3 almost doubling to 849 units in March (462 registrations in March 2009).

In the crucial core end-user fleet segment, which focuses on sales to contract hire and leasing companies and leases taken out by Mazda Contract Hire customers, Mazda3 registrations last month accelerated almost threefold to 179 units from 62 in March 2009.

In the first quarter of 2010 Mazda3 fleet registrations totalled 1,097 with daily rental and Motability volumes hardly figuring. That compares with Q1 2009 when Mazda3 fleet registrations totalled 988, which included in January last year alone 320 Motability units.

"We are winning significant conquest business with Mazda3 as company car drivers switch from other brands," said Peter Allibon, fleet and remarketing director for Mazda UK.

"The marketing campaign that we have in place continues to build momentum with many fleets now looking at Mazda for the first time.

"Having a sub 120g/km car in the range delivering low benefit-in-kind tax bills and first class fuel economy (62.8 mpg on the combined cycle) has been crucial to building Mazda3 demand."



In addition, an 'edgy' design, according to Allibon, and high-level specification when compared with many rival low medium sector models has further boosted demand across the Mazda3 range.

"Our focus through marketing and model demonstration activity has been to build awareness of Mazda3 and ensure the model is front of mind of both fleet decision-makers and company car drivers," explained Allibon.

"Mazda3 sales to-date underlines the success of that strategy as when fleet chiefs and drivers research the car it is one of the forerunners in terms of their decision-making. Driving the car then makes the final decision for them - our sales success is product-led and not price driven."

The current 20-model Mazda3 saloon and hatchback line-up, which was launched in May last year, costs from £13,930 on-the-road for the 1.6 S and comprises a choice of three petrol engines, three diesel engines and five equipment levels.

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Tuesday, May 4th
PREMIER
BEAMINSTER bagged three points with a nervy 3-2 win at Merriott Rovers. The game was notable for Beaminster being awarded three penalties by referee Tim Pike.
Murray Legg tucked away the first spot-kick to put the Rainbows ahead. But Merriott stormed back and led 2-1 at the break through Nathan Davenport and Barry Hayne. Legg had an opportunity with his second penalty but had his shot saved. The visitors did however keep their extremely slim title hopes alive when Dave Penn leveled and Tristan Gale netted from the now well-worn 12-yard spot.
DIVISION ONE
PYMORE suffered their biggest home defeat since they were mauled 13-2 by Combe Reserves four years ago as they went down 8-0 at the hands of Farway United.

Wednesday, May 5th
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP
Quarter-Final
GOALS from Ashley Rose (2) and Callum Gundry carried Norton to a 3-0 victory over Beaminster Reserves and lined-up a semi-final encounter with West & Middle Chinnock.
PREMIER
AN incredible last-kick-of-the-match goal from South Petherton keeper Jardine Mackenzie completed a remarkable fight back for South Petherton as they salvaged a point with a 3-3 draw at Misterton. Goals from Ricky Smith and Johnny Jackson saw Missy stun the title-chasing visitors. Smith added a third leave Pethy floundering with just 20 minutes left. A bullet of a shot gave Karl Diment's side hope and Jason Behan his first goal of the season. A foul on Liam Murray ten minutes from time enabled Jon Hayter to slam home a penalty. But it looked as though the hosts would hold on until Mackenzie's astonishing last-gasp leveler.

DIVISION TWO
UPLYME'S topsy-turvy season ended with a whimper as they were thrashed 6-0 by Champions Millwey Rise.
Things looked good for the Swallows early on but James Beddows missed in front of an empty net and Mark Fowkes struck the woodwork and Millwey moved up through the gears to cruise home. Mark Vaughan, Marc Jenkins, Ashley Phillips, John Vaughan, Matt Hall and Danny Larcombe cashing in on some decidedly low-par defending as Uplyme recorded their biggest home defeat since the 8-1 hammering by White Horse some 4½ years ago.

PREMIER
WITH the title race now down to two, Beaminster maintained their hopes of a second placed finish with a 5-1 win over visiting Combe Reserves.
The Saints led at the break through Max Westlake but the second-half was a different story as the hosts cruised to victory with goals from Murray Legg (2), Tom Hounsell, Adam Gale and Greg Channing.
In the other morning kick-off South Petherton also recovered from going behind to a Lee Quincey goal to beat plucky White Horse 3-1. Jon Hayter leveled on the stroke of half-time. Substitute Mike Gillyat put Pethy ahead in the 65th minute with his first touch before Hayter missed a penalty after Paul Holt had been felled.
The result was sealed near the end when Gillyat crossed for Hayter to notch number 18 for the season. Despite the defeat Horse' fine end of season run in leaves popular outgoing manager Ian Pincombe with his team still in the top division.
The result at South Petherton meant Crewkerne took to the field at the Davey Fort knowing they would have to beat Lyme Regis 6-0 to maintain their Premier Division status!
The Tigers were never going to do that but they did frustrate Lyme for long periods with Mark Smith in fine form at the back. The opener arrived in the 41st minute when Adam Caddy crossed for Joe Bond to slot home his 21st of the campaign.
That's how it stayed until the 70th minute when a well-worked free-kick move teed up defender Mark Batey for his first of the season. The Seasiders, unbeaten in 24 games, county cup aside, were far from their best in a disjointed performance but are now just one win from their fifth Premier Division Championship.
A 2-0 defeat by Misterton leaves troubled Merriott Rovers without a win in six and stumbling towards the finishing line..
Continued problems off the pitch means teh question remains - will we see a Merriott team take their place on the opening day of the PSL next season?
The derby game at the Rec was a one-sided affair with Barrington clinching fourth spot by crushing weary Ilminster Reserves 6-0.

DIVISION ONE
THE relegation battle at Jocelyn Park has left Pymore staring at a return to Division Two.
Hosts Chard Rangers could still beat the drop thanks to goals from Ben Chubb Darren Murphy and Kev Bird in a 3-1 victory. Mike Scriven netted for Pymore.
Injury-hit Netherbury were soundly beaten by visiting Forton Rangers who remain second after a 4-1 win. It was 4-0 at the turnaround with Matt Brown (2), Lee Richardson and Alan Mansell on target. The second-half was much closer with Mark Cuff bagging his 11th of the season for the consolation.
Stuttering West & Middle Chinnock's poor League form continued. A 6-4 home defeat by strongly finishing Farway United means the Chinnocks have taken just four points from a possible 15 – hardly promotion form.
Things looked good for Nick Eckland's side as they led 2-0 through Aaron Langdon and an own goal. But Tom Albano pulled one back before the interval.
Further strikes from Ashley Lock and Ian Masters saw the hosts' head for the tape 4-3 up. But the Devonians upped a gear and surged home with second-half goals from James Salter, Simon Lane, Dan Dare and Dan Williams who took his tally to 12 with a brace.

DIVISION TWO
CHAMPIONS Millwey Rise' hope of an unbeaten League season looked under severe threat as visiting Norton Athletic led 2-0 with half and hour on the clock . A tactical switch back to the tried and tested 4-4-2 saw Rise gain a foothold as Bryan Perryman reduce the arrea.
Player-manager Shane Featherstone equalised two minutes after the restart and when Danny Larcombe scored his sixth in as many games a win looked on the cards. But a last minute leveler gave the Norts a point.

DIVISION THREE
DESPITE going down to a 6-3 defeat at Crewkerne Rangers Hawkchurch have been crowned Division Three Champions for the first time in their history.
Rangers flew out of the blocks. The lead was 4-0 before Dan Turner pulled one back. But the hosts maintained their Division Two aspirations two further strikes.
Tim Hussey took his personal tally 30 with one of the Hawks' late consolations whilst Paul Chapman, up from the Reserves, netted the other.
Lyme Regis Bantams collected their third win in a week with an impressive 3-0 triumph over Combe A.
Ben Strong's 11th of the season, a fine 20-yarder, gave the Seasiders an interval lead. Polish midfielder Patryk Skibinski doubled the lead on the hour before Rob Mackenzie made the points safe with an exquisite chip from 25-yards.

DIVISION FOUR
IT"S down to two from three in the Division Four promotion race.
After a horrible mid-season wobble Farway United Reserves are still in the running after a 3-1 win over Thorncombe Reserves.
Waytown Hounds went down 6-2 at Hinton Reserves Simon Smyth and Steve White scored for the Dogs.

Tuesday, May 4th
Premier Division
Merriott Rovers 2 Beaminster 3
Division One
Ilminster Town Colts 1 Forton Rangers 2
Pymore 0 Farway United 8
Winsham United 2 Thorncombe 0

Wednesday, May 5th
Daisy Hutchings Cup Round 4
Norton Athletic 3 Beaminster Reserves 0
Premier Division
Misterton 3 South Petherton 3
Division Two
Uplyme 0 Millwey Rise 6
Division Three
Chard Rangers Res 4 Fivehead United 3
Shepton Beau Res 2 Crewkerne Res 2

Thursday, May 6th
Division Three
Luso-Chard 5 Crewkerne Rangers 1
Division Four
Ilminster A 1 Chard United Reserves 2

Friday, May 7th
Arthur Gage Cup Final
at Axminster Town FC
Lyme Regis Res 4 Perry Street Res 0

Saturday, May 8th
Premier Division
Beaminster 5 Combe Reserves 1
Ilminster Town Reserves 0 Barrington 6
Lyme Regis 2 Crewkerne 0
Merriott Rovers 0 Misterton 2
South Petherton 3 White Horse 1
Division One
Chard Rangers 3 Pymore 1
Netherbury 1 Forton Rangers 4
West & M Chinnock 4 Farway United 6
Division Two
Forton Rangers Reserves 2 South Petherton Reserves 5
Millwey Rise 3 Norton Athletic 3
Shepton Beauchamp 5 Drimpton 0
Division Three
Crewkerne Rangers 6 Hawkchurch 3
Fivehead United 2 Crewkerne Res 2
Lyme Bantams 3 Combe A 0
Millwey Rise Res 3 Misterton Reserves 1
Division Four
Farway United Res 3 Thorncombe Res 1
Hinton Reserves 6 Waytown Hounds 2
Ilminster A 0 Barrington Reserves 5

Monday, May 10th
Daisy Hutchings Cup Semi-final
West & Middle Chinnock v Norton Ath
Division One
Perry Street Res v Ilminster Town Colts

Tuesday, May 11th
Daisy Hutchings Cup Round 4
Thorncombe v Lyme Regis Reserves
Premier Division
Combe Res v South Petherton
Division One
Pymore v Netherbury
Division Three
Crewkerne Res v Misterton Reserves
Division Four
Chard United Res v Hinton Reserves
Hawkchurch Res v Farway United Res

Wednesday, May 12th
Challenge Cup Final
at Forton Rangers FC 6.15pm
Ilminster Town Reserves v Lyme Regis
Division Two
Beaminster Res v Shepton Beauchamp
Dowlish & Donyatt v Norton Athletic
South Petherton Res v Chard United

Thursday, May 13th
Premier Division
Perry Street v Beaminster
Division One
Farway United v Forton Rangers
Pymore v Lyme Regis Reserves
Division Two
Dowlish & Donyatt v Norton Athletic
South Petherton Resv Chard United
Division Three
Shepton Beauchamp Res v Luso-Chard

Saturday 15 May
All 2.30pm unless stated
Premier Division
Barrington v Lyme Regis
Division One
Lyme Regis Res v W & M Chinn 12 noon
Netherbury v Chard Rangers
Perry Street Reserves v Pymore
Division Two
Beaminster Res v S.Peth Res 12 noon
Forton Reserves v Hinton St George
Shepton Beauchamp v Millwey Rise
Division Three
Crewkerne Reserves v Luso-Chard
Lyme Bantams v Crewkerne Rangers
Division Four
Farway United Res v Barrington Res
Ilminster A v Winsham United Reserves
Waytown Hounds v Chard United Res

Tuesday, May 18th
Premier Division
Ilminster Reserves v South Petherton
Merriott Rovers v Lyme Regis
Division One
Chard Rangers v Perry Street Reserves
Pymore v Ilminster Town Colts
Thorncombe v West & Middle Chinnock
Winsham United v Lyme Regis Reserves
Division Two
Dowlish & Donyatt v Millwey Rise
Norton Athletic v Shepton Beauchamp

Wednesday, May 19th
Division Two
Hinton v South Petherton Reserves
Division Three
Millwey Rise Res v Crewkerne Rangers

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyme Regis	19	17	1	1	55	12	52
Beaminster	21	16	1	4	76	26	49
South Petherton	18	13	3	2	71	20	42
Barrington	21	10	3	8	45	49	33
Misterton	22	9	5	8	41	42	32
Ilminster Res	21	8	4	9	51	49	28
Combe Reserves	21	8	2	11	38	44	26
Merriott Rovers	20	8	2	10	40	51	26
Perry Street	21	7	3	11	37	54	24
White Horse	22	6	4	12	43	51	22
Crewkerne	22	5	4	13	43	57	19
Charmouth	22	0	4	18	23	108	4

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham United	19	12	3	4	47	30	39
Forton Rangers	19	12	2	5	44	29	38
Farway United	17	10	5	2	52	24	35
W& M Chinnock	15	9	3	3	55	38	30
Ilminster Colts	16	9	3	4	33	25	30
Netherbury	17	8	3	6	37	29	27
Thorncombe	18	4	3	11	30	38	15
Perry Street Res	16	4	2	10	37	48	14
Chard Rangers	18	4	1	13	29	64	13
Lyme Regis Res	14	3	2	9	30	42	11
Pymore	15	2	3	10	17	44	9

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwey Rise	18	16	2	0	65	19	50
Norton Athletic	18	11	3	4	64	35	36
Shepton Beau	17	11	2	4	59	21	35
Beaminster Res	17	9	2	6	40	34	29
Dowlish & Donyatt	17	8	2	7	57	49	26
Forton Rangers Res	19	7	5	7	37	39	26
Hinton St George	18	7	3	8	44	42	24
South Petherton Res	17	5	6	6	45	39	21
Uplyme	20	6	2	12	41	61	20
Drimpton	20	4	1	15	41	89	13
Chard United	19	2	0	17	23	88	6

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkchurch	20	13	3	4	65	40	42
Crewkerne Rangers	17	10	2	5	59	36	32
Luso-Chard	18	10	1	7	58	41	31
Fivehead United	20	9	4	7	39	34	31
Millwey Rise Res	19	10	0	9	41	42	30
Lyme Bantams*	19	10	2	7	52	39	29
Misterton Reserves*	19	8	3	8	48	55	26
Crewkerne Reserves	17	6	6	5	36	31	24
Combe A	20	5	4	11	29	39	19
Shepton Beau Res	19	5	4	10	36	49	19
Chard Rangers Res	20	3	1	16	27	84	10

* = points deducted

Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chard United Res	17	11	3	3	57	32	36
Winsham Utd Res	19	10	6	3	71	52	36
Farway United Res	17	10	3	4	56	31	33
Barrington Reserves	19	9	3	7	57	48	30
Waytown Hounds	19	9	2	8	61	49	29
Ilminster Town A*	18	10	2	6	50	41	28
Hinton Res	19	8	4	7	43	49	28

Lyme Regis Skittles League

RESULTS for week ending May 2nd.

LADIES DIVISION

Castaways 267 Oh so Georgeous ? score not listed (L.Wellman 59), Just Us 289 Rollercoasters 285 (C.Sparks 55), La Creme 272 Bids & Babes 293 (S.Larcombe, H.Taylor, M.Bond 54), Rock A Byes 347 Generations 310 (J.Souter 63), Abandon Ship 333 Smashers 360 (S.Churchill 68).

Table	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Oh so Georgeous	20	15	1	4	31	22
Bids & Babes	19	13	2	4	28	23
Smashers	19	13	1	5	27	18
Wootton Wobblers	19	12	0	7	24	16
Rock a Byes	19	11	0	8	22	23
Just Us	19	9	2	8	20	32
La Creme	18	9	1	8	19	14
Hot Gossips	20	9	0	11	18	19
Rollercoasters	20	8	0	12	16	22
Generations	18	6	1	11	13	18
Deano's Divas	19	6	0	13	12	15
Abandon Ship	19	6	0	13	12	14
Castaways	19	4	0	15	8	8

MENS DIVISION ONE

Table	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
No Hopers	18	13	0	5	26	17
Cowboys	18	12	0	6	24	22
Roadrunners	18	10	0	8	20	24
Rousdon Rebels	18	10	0	8	20	15
Skippy's Six	18	9	0	9	18	15
Anthill Mob	18	9	0	9	18	12
Flyers	18	8	0	10	16	22
Marksmen	18	7	0	11	14	17
Alleytwits	18	6	0	12	12	19
Clueless	18	6	0	12	12	15

MENS DIVISION TWO

Table	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Wreckers	18	15	0	3	20	22
Wootton Tornadoes	19	13	0	6	26	21
Hot Rocks	16	11	0	5	22	21
Miscellaneous	18	10	1	7	21	22
Presidents Men	17	10	0	7	20	16
Sherberts	17	9	1	7	19	18
Trappers	19	9	1	9	19	16
Young Guns	17	9	0	8	18	21
British Legion	17	4	1	12	9	10
Shakers	16	2	0	14	4	17
Willy's Wanderers	18	2	0	16	4	4

OTTERS TOO SLIPPERY
Ottery St Mary 5
Uplyme U15 2

THE hosts took an early lead after a good save from Uplyme's keeper Brett James, the ball spilled out and Ottery slotted the ball home.
Midway through the half Ottery seemed to tire and Uplyme took control and sorties up front by Sam Jones, Kyle Knight and Ryan Boyle provided chances and eventually a couple of goals – one each from Knight and Jones.
But Ottery quickly reclaimed control after the restart and scored a third within five minutes.
Half way through the second period, despite some sound defence and goalkeeping the Otters struck twice more.
In the final few minutes, despite a goal line clearance by George Heath, Ottery sealed the game with their fifth goal.

Lyme Regis Bowls

with Paul Moffitt

THIS has been a very busy week for the Club with no fewer thanfive friendlies and all three of the mens' league teams in action.
There have been mixed fortunes, perhaps the unluckiest result was for the Men in the A team, who played Bridport B in Division One, lost by only two shots overall and only came away with a single point!
With all the league teams in action, it fell to the Ladies to entertain an all male team from Portishead, who were on tour. The tourists duly handed out a thrashing but, despite this the game was greatly enjoyed.
The Mens B team were the only ones to come away with a win, despite the fact that a few days before the game it looked doubtful whether Lyme could raise enough numbers to field a third side.
The Championship side travelled to Alexandra Park where they came up against a strong side and a tricky green. Despite Lyme's best efforts they were only able to salvage two points thanks to Paul Pomeroy's rink.

Results:
Dorset Men's Championship;
Lyme 45; Alexandra Park 56: J Eaton, S Pomeroy, B Rattenbury, P Pomeroy 18-12; R Richardson, G Stockley, D Meylan, P Eagles 6-22; B Gillett, C Barber, K Hickman, P Moffitt 21-22.
West Dorset Men Div 1: Lyme 57; Bridport 'A' 59. M Knight, P stephens, D Pomeroy, J Irwin 19-20; M Clark, G Clode, T Al;lman, J Wells 20-20; M Thorner, J Beadsley, B Parsons, D Perry 18-19.
West Dorset Men Div 2: Lyme 47; Greenhill 'B' 37. R Carnan, J Moseley, R Moody, G Cozens 9-20; B Downes, D Wood, R Winterborne, E Skeemer 20-7; T Payne, R Turpin, W Smith, J Belger 18-10.
Friendlies: Lyme 49; Portishead RBL 161; D Read, D Courtenay-Smith, A Rattenbury, C Clissold 10-32; P Cole, J Brown, J Kesterton, A Allman 8-38; V Cozens, K Smith, N Benson, J Parsons 10-37; A Lole, S Wood, A Brown, K Clissold 9-27; J Beavis, S Applebee, M Gillett, C Barber 12-27.
Lyme Men 53; Chardstock Men 88: P Stephens, W Smith, H Keep, C Barber 12-23; A Lole, G Clode, T Allman, J Wells 13-20; J Eaton, R Cridge, K Fountaine, E Skeemer 16-20; M Clark, E Rodgers, P Moffitt, D Meylan 12-25.
Lyme 138; Sherborne 104: T Payne, H Dowling, E Rodgers, Chris Barber 28-15; J Brown, A Rattenbury, J Kesterton, G Cozens 16-20; M Wheelre, A Brown, J Moffitt, John Wells 21-15; J York, D Couirtenay-Smith, C Clissold, R Edwards 19-16; S Wood, S Dowling, J Parsons, P Moffitt 21-12; K Faragher, T Poyner, Jill; Wells, B Rattenbury 12-13; J Beavis, J Irwin, D Wood, B Parsons 21-13.
Lyme 94; Severalls 39: T Payne, J York, W Smith, N Stephens 24-12; K Faragher, P Stephens, T Poyner, K Clissold 16-11; S Wood, J Moffitt, R Edwards, C Clissold 25-19; K Smith, H Dowling, D Wood, P Moffitt 29-7.
Lyme 132; Honiton 99: T Payne, P Stephens, H Keep, K Clissold 28-9; B Parsons, D Courtenay-Smith, C Clissold, Chas Barber 25-10; H Dowling, D Read, E Rodgers, John Wells 20-13; A Rattenbury, S Dowling, Jill Wells, D Meylan 20-22; B Downes, M Bartlett, R Moody, Chris Barber 18-22; J York, G Cozens, N Stephens, E Skeemer 21-14.

BOB BUCKLER RACING

Ethiopia back to best for Buckler

BOB Buckler's theory that technology is not an exact science was proved at Plumpton on Sunday when Ethiopia scooted up to win the Vi Nichol 90th Birthday Novices' Handicap Chase in convincing fashion *writes Stuart Broom*.

"It just goes to prove how little we know!" he quipped.

Buckler thought the seven-year-old was a certainty at Southwell in his last race having won previously at Plumpton. However he ran badly for no apparent reason; a blood test confirming there was no infection which baffled the Henley trainer.

"It would appear that horses like humans can have off days. He ran very well, particularly as this was his first race over fences. He was fast and very neat over the jumps and won quite easily."

Nathan Sweeney went to the front from the off and with Plane Painter they took the field around at a fair pace. They took the lead at the top of the hill on the run down to the turn into the straight when the 3/1 favourite made a mistake and although Paul Nicholls' Oamuru Stone came to challenge he held him of comfortably by 1 ¾ lengths.

He is due to run again at Fontwell tonight over fences although he will carry top weight as a result of penalties for his win, or alternatively Buckler has entered him in a hurdle race at Stratford on Saturday.

Ethiopia's win is the first of the new season for Buckler which began on April 25th.

Over The Flow had unseated Sweeney in her first race over fences at Hereford when she half stopped having met the first at too fast a pace, tried again at Worcester last Thursday.

Although she coped well with the fences and ran much better they missed the break in the middle of the race and got left, although she quickened again and stayed on at the finish. "It was a much better performance and she will improve with the experience."

Mrs Overall having her first race in four months found the 2 mile 3 furlong race too short for her, and although she stayed on she needs three miles.

"She really needs longer and was a bit one paced and couldn't accelerate when the quickened," said Buckler.

Both the horses making their debuts gave encouraging displays; Seaview Lad finishing seventh at Newton Abbot and Ellie Wiggins also finishing seventh at Worcester.

"Seaview Lad ran OK. The problem is that both are big babies and fairly weak. Because he isn't strong enough, the race was too short for him as he wasn't quick enough, and at the moment he doesn't have the stamina to run three miles. However it was a good education for him, and we might give him one more run before turning him out for the summer."

Ellie Wiggins was slightly more impressive but again the object was to help them adapt to running on a racecourse as part of their education, and she will now be turned out for the summer."

The normally reliable River Indus who ran poorly last time out at Cheltenham probably runs for the last time tonight at Exeter before his summer holidays.

WEYMOUTH SPEEDWAY

Islanders put to sword by Wildcats

National League KO Cup 2nd Leg
Weymouth 58 Isle of Wight 36 (Agg: Weymouth 97 Isle of Wight 87)

WEYMOUTH Weyline Wildcats stormed to a great victory against the Isle of Wight on Friday and now face home and away fixtures against the Newport Hornets in the 2nd round of the KO Cup. The Wildcats wiped out the 12 point deficit inflicted from Tuesday's 1st leg with their best team performance of the season at the Wessex FM Raceway.

The meeting started with inform Byron Bekker and Terry Day scorching to 5-1 heat advantage setting the tone for the rest of the evening. Before the meeting and his three heat wins and 13 points return Bekker said: "The team are starting to get it together; it showed on the Isle of Wight where we held it together until the last two heats. We had a bit of bad luck on the Island and it's just speedway. I think we've got good chances of pulling it back tonight though."

All the Wildcats weighed in with big points returns apart from out of form reserve Nick Lee. Day provided solid back up with two heat wins on his way to 10+3 points which included a fall in the final race of the evening. After wrecking a bike and blowing his best engine in the last heat last Tuesday, James Cockle dropped only one point to an opponent with a 15+1 return riding an engine that he dislikes!

Both sides operated the rider replacement facility, the Wildcats cover for Tom Brown and the Islanders for Dean Felton. Just two heat advantages and four race wins showed how much the Islanders struggled with below par returns and a number of falls hampering their progress.

Wildcats reserve Richard Andrews won heat two on his way to an impressive 10+1 score. Asked how he felt after the meeting Andrews said: "We got the set up, it felt good and I went out there and made some good starts. I just want to go to Newport and prove my point as I used to ride for them, and show them what I'm made of."

Gary Cottham had a painful tumble on the exit of the last corner in heat 12 but jumped to his feet to agonisingly push over the line to grab two points after the Islanders riders had both crashed out in separate incidents in earlier attempted running's of the heat. Rikki Mullins sliding off in the first running, and ex-Wildcat Danny Warwick demolishing a kickboard entering into the home straight and ending up going under the safety fence at the second attempt!

The Weyline Wildcats take a break from National League duties next Friday (14th) with the visit of the Somerset 'Giants' in a challenge fixture at the normal start time of 7.15pm before travelling to Norfolk to take on King's Lynn 'Young Stars' on Sunday, May 16th

Weymouth Wildcats

1. Byron Bekker (3-3-2-2-3) 13, 2. Terry Day (2-3-1*-3-1*-F) 10+3, 3. Rider Replacement for Tom Brown, 4. Gary Cottham (1-1-2*-2*-3) 9+2, 5. James Cockle (3-2-3-3-2*-2) 15+1, 6. Richard Andrews (3-2*-1-1-3) 10+1, 7. Nick Lee (1-M-0-M-0) 1, 8. Luke Wiltshire dnr*

SEASIDERS RUN RIOT IN FINAL

Arthur Gage Cup Final - Friday, May 7th at Axminster Town FC

LYME REGIS RESERVES 4 PERRY STREET RES 0

LYME Regis Reserves dominated proceedings at Axminster Town's Sector Lane on Friday evening.

The final 4-0 score line could have been much greater such was the Seasiders' complete control of the 60th Arthur Gage Cup Final.

An early Ally Rattenbury corner skidded off the Perry Street crossbar but it wasn't long before the opener arrived. Jason Hawker broke through the inside right channel and drilled in a cross shot which deflected into the net off a defender.

On the half-hour Fred Thomson seemed certain to score, but with the goal gaping, defender Rich Rowson stepped in and the ball flashed wide.

Five minutes later Hawker broke clear but struck the foot of the post.

He second-half continued in much the same vein. Hawker squandered another chance when his one-on-one opportunity was well saved by keeper Mike Govier.

With the large Lyme contingent amongst the crowd of 150 growing concerned at the slender 1-0 lead and the amount of squandered chances, Gerard Hitchcock, overseeing his first final as a manager, introduced the first of his three allotted substitutes – all of who had an impact in opening the floodgates.

In the 53rd minute Rob Larcombe came on at right-back with experienced Tim Edwards moving out of the impressive back four to replace limping midfielder Danny Thirlwell.

And within minutes Larcombe made the first of several marauding surges down the right flank before unleashing a dipping 25-yard shot that cannoned back off Govier's bar only for Thomson to nod into the empty net.

With the outcome of the game now in no doubt two more substitutes were summoned from the bench - and both scored. Ryan Fifer, on for the hard-working Aaron Cleal, side-footed home with just his second touch in the 83rd minute and Rory Holmes put the icing on the cake with the pick of the goals, a crisp low 20-yarder two minutes from time.

This was a superb all-round squad performance from the Seasiders with holding midfielder Luke Clifton just beating off the claims of Cleal and skipper Stuart King for the Man-of-the-Match award.

◆ **Lyme Regis Reserves team**: Jedd Whittington, Stuart King (captain), Tim Edwards, Adam Clarke, Ally Rattenbury, Luke Clifton, Darren Poole, Danny Thirlwell (Rob Larcombe 53), Fred Thomson, Aaron Cleal (Ryan Fifer 82), Jason Hawker (Rory Holmes 72).Unused subs: Luke Street, Harvey Brimacombe, Neal Baker.

Referee: Shaun Annetts.

MUNRO TAKES THIRD ROUND ROCK THE 10K

Royal Manor of Portland Athletics Club

SIMON Munro won the recent 3rd annual 'Round the Rock' 10k race in almost ideal conditions beating Tony White from host club Royal Manor of Portland Athletics Club (RMPAC) by ten seconds.

The Bournemouth Athletics Club member completed the course run around Portland in 36 minutes 41 seconds. John Shapland of SW Vets was third.

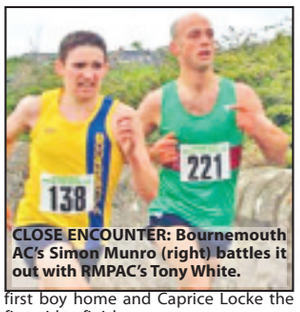
Despite a wet start, the conditions, cool and dry with a good covering of cloud, were almost ideal except for a moderate wind blowing from Portland Heights Hotel to Avalanche Road.

The event sponsored by Quay Healthcare and Albion Stone attracted well over one hundred entrants from as far afield as Swindon and Cheltenham and started at Grove.

The competitors ran through Easton, Wakeham, Southwell and finally Weston before finishing at the Blues Club.

Ali Young was the first woman home in a time of 40 minutes 36 seconds over two minutes ahead of runner-up Polly Adams of RMPAC.

There was also a 2k fun run for the younger runners with Khai Locke the first boy home and Caprice Locke the first girl to finish.



CLOSE ENCOUNTER: Bournemouth AC's Simon Munro (right) battles it out with RMPAC's Tony White.

The presentation of awards were made by Mike Tizard of Albion Stone and RMPAC President Councillor Les Ames.

The club would like to thank all the organisers for what was a very successful day and look forward to their next race, the Portland 10 on Sunday, July 4th.

Royal Manor of Portland Athletics Club was founded in 1983 and caters for all ages and abilities. The club is affiliated with UK Athletics and has in excess of 80 members who meet up to three times per week. For further details visit www.rmpac.co.uk or call 01305 820666.

LYME REGIS GOLF CLUB

With Steve Percival.

Bader Cup

MAY Bank holiday Monday was the date set for the eliminator round to select the pair to represent the club in the national mixed pairs stableford competition organised by the Douglas Bader foundation.

With the possibility of a place in the finals to be played in in Portugal in September on offer, competition was fierce and scores were more than respectable.

At the end of the day Julian Cox and Linda Baker achieved first place with an excellent 39 points to narrowly beat Howard and Geraldine Wickes into second place and win through to the regional finals at Stover Golf Club on 19 August.

Rover Cup Stableford competition

DESPITE the chilling Northerly wind on Sunday, May 9th, scores were much improved from those recorded during previous rounds on the course and the results show some very impressive scores in both divisions of the competition.

In Division One Malcolm Wilson, with no fewer than nine pars and two birdies and a score of 42 points, narrowly defeated Kieren Borgeat into second place on countback. In third place with a very creditable 39 points was Joshua Harrison.

Division Two saw a previous captain of the club, John Owen, playing off 18, score a very impressive 40 points to beat John Perryman into second place on countback. In third place with 38 points was Graham (Doc) Paterson.

Seniors Monthly Stableford competition

MONDAY, May 10th saw an excellent turn out of 69 competitors for the Seniors May monthly medal competition.

For the early starters the brisk and biting North Easterly wind proved a little daunting at first but, as the fairways and greens are currently in excellent condition for the time of year, the winning scores were more than respectable.

Division One was a very close contest with three participants each scoring 38 points.

In the inevitable countback it was David Hadwin, playing off 18 who achieved first place over John Coley (7) and the "ever steady" Ted Baker playing off 15. Division two saw a clearer winner in the shape of former club captain Tony Johnstone (18) with 38 points beat Colin Conn (28) with 36 points who edged out Richard Cridge (27) on countback to achieve second place.

Team Results:

With the better weather and the lifting of "winter rules," Summer inter club competitions are now in full swing.

Whilst mixed fortunes are an inevitable result of competitive golf, the Lyme teams have fared well, of late.

In particular the team competing in the Knighton Heath over 60s knockout competition needed Adrian Wells, Captain for the day, to sink a birdie putt on the final hole of his round to clinch victory by 51/2 to 41/2 against their opponents from Isle Of Purbeck.

Meanwhile, in the Dorset League competition for players with handicaps between 11 and 18, with four of the matches going the full distance to the 18th hole, the Hardy B team scored an emphatic win by 31/2 to 11/2 against Sturminster Marshall . The Hardy A team meanwhile suffered a relatively narrow defeat by 41/2 to 21/2 against Sherborne.

Lyme Ladies *by Ellie Langford*
May Medal and Golf Foundation Brooch

AFTER a wet start the rain stopped and good golf was enjoyed by all with some excellent rounds leading to several handicap reductions.

Jane Southcombe won the Golf Foundation Brooch with a nett score of 67 after birdies on the 2nd , 5th, 9th and 10th holes cutting her handicap from eight to seven.

Other handicap reductions were Brenda Brown 27 to 26, Glenys Phillips 27 to 26, Elizabeth Thompson 19 to 18, Angela Clark 26 to 25, Jean Forbes-Harris 29 to 28.

Results of the Medal:

Division One: 1 Jane Southcombe 67; 2 Elizabeth Thompson 71; 3 Francis Sell 72; Division Two: 1 Brenda Brown 71; 2 Angela Clark 72; 3 Margaret Slater 73; Division 3: Jean Forbes-Harris 71; Hanna Jacobsen 75; Deirdre Potter 75.

Lyme Regis won their 4th round match in the Mail on Sunday competition, beating Minehead 4-1.

Streamlining at WPNSA

THE Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) has announced that it will be streamlining the organisation ahead of the 2012 Olympic sailing events which will attract the world's top sailors to the South West of the UK.

The new structure at the venue that is shortlisted for the 2010 Sport Industry Award 'Sport Venue of the Year' will see the merging of the onsite commercial company 'Sail Force Ltd' with the not-for-profit Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

John Tweed, Chief Executive of the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy explained: "When the WPNSA was first established, it was set up as a not-for-profit organisation in order to apply for essential grants from the Sports Lottery Fund, the South West Regional Development Agency, local authorities, charitable trusts and other associated benefactors".

The academy then appointed a commercial company 'Sail Force Ltd' to undertake the majority of the venue's operational activities. Sail Force, a family business owned and managed by Phil and Sandra Gollop, brought commercial acumen as well as detailed knowledge and experience of running high elite level competitive events from their previous business at the nearby Weymouth Sailing Centre. This original structure worked effectively to date and the decision to merge the two organisations was made earlier earlier this year in order to streamline onsite management.

The venue for the sailing competition at the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will continue to be a not-for-profit organisation with a clear new management structure moving forward to the Games period and through into the future legacy years. Sail Force will now be re-branded as 'WPN&SA Ltd' with the well known Gollop's continuing to work hand in hand with their team at the academy.

Edward Leask, Chairman of the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy commented: "We have a very exciting and challenging time ahead of us. We wanted to make sure we had the right organisational structure in place to meet these growing challenges through a clear, responsive and agile organisation that could only be produced through this streamlining. Our future outlook is now very much orientated around our not-for-profit status however, we still need to operate in a financially prudent and sustainable manner to ensure we generate sufficient income to ensure financial stability for the venue and a strong future."

Title hopes still alive

Weymouth & District Table Tennis League

DESPITE a good win away to St Osmunds Hawks, Shipton Gorge B failed by just one point to catch first placed Pilgrims and must now wait to see if St Osmunds Sharks overtake them for second place.

The A team still have high hopes of the first division championship after a convincing win over fifth placed All Saints Weymouth.

Shipton Gorge A 26 All Saints 9

ALTHOUGH Paul Carter put up a spirited resistance for the visitors beating Chris Glover 3-2 from 0-2 down in the first match and later accounting for Gil Roberts 3-0 the all round strength of the home team eventually wore down the Saints.

Back from injury Richard Trim was in good form, beating Carter 3-0 and dropping just one set to Steve Rook in gaining his 9 point maximum.

Glover's narrow loss to Carter proved to be his only setback as he went on to comfortable 3-0 victories over Rook and Thompson. Roberts also went on to win 3-1 and 3-0 before Glover and Trim ended a fine night with a 3-1 doubles win over Carter and Rook.

St Osmunds Hawks 16 Shipton Gorge B 23

NEEDING 24 points to go level with Pilgrims at the top of the table, Gorge went agonizingly close. With Joe Boardman collecting a maximum 9 for the home team the task was difficult but John Moseley and Jim Saunders carved out 7 points each and Ron Tucknott a further 6 before Saunders and Moseley took the doubles 3-1.

NEWS IN BRIEF

GOLF: Cheddington Court Golf Club

The results of the April Stableford held on Sunday April 25th were:

Division 1:1st: Alex Stevenson 40pts, 2nd: Ashley Hodkinson 39pts, 3rd: Lee Chant 36pts (OCB).

Division 2: 1st: Nick Taylor 39pts' 2nd: Keith Mahan 31pts (OCB)' 3rd: Tony Peterson 31pts (OCB).

Division 3: Mark Gibson 37pts, 2nd: Roy Hannam 34pts, 3rd: Paul Newman 33pts

Richard Fox won the Wed Roll Up on April 28th with 26pts followed by Geoff Neal (24 pts) with Steve Fussell (22pts) third.

BRIDPORT SKITTLES:

Cup Fixtures For Week Beginning Monday 17th May

Lock Hansford Cup Final Monday 17th May @ Loders Arms

Ladies Threes Final Monday, May 17th

Bradpole Club — Yondover Three; Brandy Snaps; Nuts & Raisons; Us Three;

Cup Winners Cup Final Tuesday, May 18th at Lord Nelson

Ladies Pairs Final Wednesday 19th May

Ilchester — M. Hansford & S. Galpin; S. Tompkins & J. Dawe; J. Symes & K. Tuck; L. Cowburn & L. Dunk;

Portman Handicap Final Wednesday, May 19th at Tiger

Presentation Night May 21st at Freshwater. Tickets On Sale From The Lord Nelson at £4 Each.

Howzat! - The West Dorset Cricket scene

WITH STUART BROOM & HOWARD LARCOMBE

MIXED WEEKEND FOR DEPELETED SIDES

Dorset County Cricket Club
Herefordshire 159 all out
lost to Dorset 160-8 by 2 wickets

DORSET'S bowling was the key to this victory over Herefordshire that enhances their chances of winning their group and progressing in the Minor Counties Trophy.

The two wicket win means they top Group 3 with five points with just one match to play; at home to Oxfordshire on May 23rd at Weymouth.

Only Hertfordshire, whose home fixture with Dorset was abandoned because of rain can catch the home county.

Chris Park won the toss at Eastnor and put the hosts into bat and FH Shahid and Wood (15) made a bright start before Matt Metcalfe had the latter caught by Nick Park with the score on 33.

Despite some excellent bowling from Rich Banham (1-25), Metcalfe (2-30) David Taylor (2-36) and Ed Denham (2-32) Herefordshire looked to be moving to a good total at 101-3 through Shahid (21), Adshead (22) and Burroughs (38).

However Taylor removed Atiq-ur-Rehman (10) and Denham had Exall caught behind with the next ball.

The introduction of Glyn Treagus once again proved vital as he removed the next three home batsmen in a spell of 3-18 off 7 overs, and Herefordshire were finally dismissed for 159 all out.

Dorset made a shaky start in reply losing both openers, Nick Park (1) and Treagus (9) with just 16 on the board, but a steady partnership between Aaron Williams (12) and David Taylor (29) restored parity.

However at 76-5 Dorset appeared to be struggling again before Josh Lawrence (24) and Chris Morgan steadied the ship with a partnership of 38, and it was Morgan with an undefeated 31 not out, including 5 fours and a six that saw Dorset home with 15 overs to spare.

Manager Sean Walbridge whilst pleased with the victory thought there was still areas of the game that his side could improve.

"We bowled very well again as a unit, with some excellent fielding and the catches by Rich Banham and Aaron Williams were superb. All the bowlers were economical and bowled well throughout, but Glyn Treagus was once again a revelation.

"We didn't bat as well as we did against Bedfordshire and one or two got out to shots they wouldn't be proud of, but the partnership between Josh Lawrence and Chris Morgan not only would have given both of them confidence being fairly young, but also shows that we bat well down the order.

"There are a few points to work on, but overall we have a well balanced side with plenty to offer with the ball, and bat well down the order."

HEREFORDSHIRE

F.Shahid c Banham b Metcalfe	21
C.Wood c N.Park b Metcalfe	15
S.Adshead+ lbw b Denham	22
C.Boroughs* b Taylor	38
A.Chishti c Williams b Taylor	10
D.Exhall c C.Park b Denham	0
J.Ralph b Treagus	3
T.Austwick c Morgan b Treagus	14
L.Sellers c & b Treagus	5
Z.Shahid lbw b Banham	5
F.Eburah not out	6
Extras	20
Total	**159 all out**

Bowling: R.Banham: 8.3-1-25-1. M.Metcalfe: 10-1-30-2, D.Taylor: 10-0-36-2, E.Denham: 8-1-32-2, G.Treagus: 7-1-18-3, C.Morgan: 3-0-16-0.

DORSET

G.Treagus c Chishti b Eburah	9
N.Park b L.Sellers	1
A.Williams c Boroughs	12
D.Taylor b Shahid	29
D.Cowley lbw b Shahid	5
J.Lawrence c Wood b Shahid	24
C.Morgan not out	31
C.Park +* b Sellers	7
M.Metcalfe c Adshead b Sellers	2
E.Denham not out	1
Extras	39
Total	**160 for 8**

EAST DEVON LEAGUE
Uplyme & Lyme Regis 1st v Ipplepen

THE arrival of several key players after they had successfully helped Lyme Regis football club to a vital league victory proved crucial as Uplyme & Lyme Regis 1st XI secured a winning draw from the visit of Ipplepen on Saturday.

In a tense finish all results were possible heading into the last over with the visitors needing 11 to win but with just two wickets remaining.

As it was, Uplyme's total of 200 for 9 proved just out reach as they closed on 196 for 8.

Earlier Rob Thom (27) and Jerry Sims (26) forged a fine 46-run partnership for the second wicket after the early loss of opener Sam Challis.

But a middle order wobble saw the hosts slump to 77 for 5 before the late arrival of the Batey brothers, Mark and Steve and the Caddy brothers, Adam and Ashley sparked a recovery.

A fine stand of 52 between the Caddy siblings (Adam 40, Ashley 34) and a useful unbeaten 21 from Steve Batey elevated the final total through the 200-barrier.

In reply Ipplepen were soon on the backfoot at 29 for 2 before recovering to 130 for 5. But fine spells from Adam Caddy (4 for 28) and Ben Strong (4 for 30) aided by four catches from gloveman Jedd Whittington ensured the finishing line was kept at arms length.

Uplyme & LR 15pts Ipplepen 10.

UPLYME

S.Challis c & b Thomas	5
R.Thom lbw b Watkins	27
J.Sims b Wakeham	26
J.Whittington+ c Cooper b Wakeham	4
J.Toates c DeFriend b Wakeham	7
B.Maltby b Wakeham	7
Ash Caddy* c DeFriend b Abbott	34
M.Batey b Bowden	1
Ad Caddy c Curtis b Thomas	40
S.Batey not out	21
B.Strong not out	0
Extras	28
Total	**200 for 9**

IPPLEPEN

S.DeFriend c Ash Caddy b Ad Caddy	5
L.Tuckett b Strong	64
T.Cooper c Whittington b Ad Caddy	7
J.Watkins c Whittington b Ad Caddy	18
J.Abbott c Whittington b Ad Caddy	4
D.Harris lbw b Strong	42
J.Heath lbw b Strong	0
L.Curtis c Whittington b Strong	17
S.Bowden not out	24
P.Thomas not out	2
Extras	13
Total	**196 for 8**

Bowling: Ash Caddy: 10-1-50-0, Ad Caddy: 13-4-28-4, J.Toates: 6-0-20-0, S.Batey: 10-0-63-0, B.Strong: 7-0-30-4.



◆ **WITH PICKLE? Justin Tunstall, owner of the Lyme Regis Town Mill Cheesemongers presents Bruce Maltby with a special 'Sixes' cheese after he became the first batsman hit a maximum in a home league game this season.**

Ipplepen 2nds v Uplyme & Lyme Regis 2nds

THE early loss of experienced opening pair Eddie Clarke and Dave Norman set the tone for a difficult afternoon for Uplyme 2nds as they were soundly beaten by Ipplepen.

The hosts stumbled their way to 39 all out with extras top scoring with 17 in the face of some fine bowling by R.Hay (4 for 18) and K.Bell (3 for 7).

A wicket apiece for opening bowlers Jolly Bugg and Paul Crompton did at least ensure Uplyme collected a point from their travels as the Pens knocked up 40 for 2 in just 9.2 overs.

DORSET FUNERAL PLAN LEAGUE
Premier League
Dorchester v Broadstone No result – rain ground unfit

Wimborne & Colehill 193-6 tied with
Weymouth 180-6 (reduced target)

WEYMOUTH just failed to grab a last ball victory in a rain reduced match when John Armfield and Matt Lawes could only run two off the final delivery.

Having restricted their hosts to 193-6 from 42 overs, Weymouth's target was then reduced further to 181 off 31 overs following more rain.

New Zealander Andrew Falloon made his debut for the Seasiders and took 2-40 with Lawes claiming three wickets when Wimborne & Colehill batted.

Skipper Paul Payne and Jim Ryall made a steady start to the innings but it was Armfield with an undefeated 64 that was the backbone of the reply, and his partnership with Lawes almost saw them to victory but Armfield slipped as he turned for the second and denying them a third for victory.

Division One
Sherborne 145 all out beat
Beaminster 126 all out by 17 runs (reduced target)

BEAMINSTER travelled to Sherborne with a severely weakened team, and despite being complete underdogs were unlucky to fall 17 runs short of victory in a game they feel they could have won with a full team.

Having been skittled out for just 49 last week after being asked to bat first, skipper Ross Baker was glad to win the toss and decided to field in cold and damp conditions on a pitch that had been covered and was in surprisingly good condition.

R Baker and P Hancock coped well against the new ball and Paul Martin and Jack Guilor bowled four aggressive overs before rain stopped play for ten minutes. The first wicket deservedly fell to Martin who had Hancock caught behind by veteran fourth reserve wicketkeeper Noddy David.

Baker (58) then started to accelerate the scoring and played some lovely drives against Beaminster's seamers and deservedly reached his half century . However he was unable to get Martin away, who bowled unchanged to finish with impressive figures of 1-19 off his ten overs.

The game turned on its head following a double bowling change with debutant Andy Sherring and off spinner Mark Barber introduced into the attack.

They bowled beautifully, keeping it tight, and both were rewarded with figures of 3-26. Unable to cope with the guile and clever variations of Beaminster's new recruits, the Sherborne innings collapsed. Barber had Locke (17) caught behind with the score on 79 and when Sherring bowled Baker, wickets fell quickly. Good fielding also contributed as Sherborne were finally dismissed for 145 all out when Simon Jones (1-5) bowled the dogged M Hancock.

In reply Beaminster started badly with M Hancock dismissing David, who played on, and John Ridd for ducks with just seven on the board prompting a middle order collapse.

Resistance came from the excellent Dan Hillier (48) and an entertaining cameo from Baker (22) who quickly smashed 3 fours a huge six. When Hillier was joined by Martin (14), Beaminster seized control of the game and looked on course for an improbable victory.

However, Nurton (6-53) persevered to finish with six wickets including Hillier as Beaminster finished 17 runs short of a revised target.

Skipper Baker said: "Under the circumstances, I was proud of the team's performance but we realise that we missed an opportunity as our batting let us down once again."

SHERBORNE

D.Baker b Sherring	58
P.Hancock c David b Martin	12
M.Lock C David b Barber	17
W.Turner lbw b Sherring	0
A.Nurton c Jones b Barber	16
R.Carter run out	9
N.Phipps run out	1
N.Tansworth c & b Barber	0
T.Harris b Sherring	4
M.Hancock b Jones	11
D.Barnstaple not out	6
Extras	11
Total	**145 all out**

Bowling: J.Guilor: 5-0-29-0, P.Martin: 10-2-19-1, R.Baker: 6-0-34-0, A.Sherring: 10-2-26-3, M.Barber: 10-2-26-3, S.Jones: 1.5-0-5-1.

BEAMINSTER

N.David b Hancock	0
S.Jones St Carter b Nurton	13
J.Ridd b Hancock	0
D.Hillier St Carter b Nurton	48
H.Edgley b Hancock	2
R.Baker b Nurton	22
H.Rathbone c Harris b Nurton	0
J.Guilor b Nurton	0
P.Martin b Nurton	14
A.Sherring lbw b Hancock	2
M.Barber not out	0
Extras	25
Total	**126 all out**

(Nurton 6-53).

Weymouth 2nd 145-6 beat
Bournemouth 156 all out by 4 wickets (reduced target)

WEYMOUTH 2nd's looked to be in trouble in their match against one of the title favourites Bournemouth as they crashed to 9-3 in reply to a mediocre 156 all out at Redlands.

Michael Pearce (4-20) had paved the way for a potential victory with support from Graham Puckett, Will McKay and skipper John Ryan who took a brace apiece.

However with Kieron Womble, Andy Bray and Will McKay all back in the pavilion it was left to veteran Sean Fitzgerald to steady the ship with a dogged 26, but at 62-6 it looked as if all their good work in the field would be wasted.

However Pearce (37no) joined forces with brother Michael (33no) in an unbroken stand of 83 that saw the Seasiders to victory.

Division Two
Hamworthy Recreation 148-1 beat
Dorchester 2nd 161 all out by 9 wkts (reduced target)

After last week's exciting narrow victory, Dorchester 2nd's tasted defeat with a comprehensive nine wicket defeat by Hamworthy Recreation.

Division Three
Portland Red Triangle 154 all out
lost to Bridport 156-6 by 4 wickets

BRIDPORT'S form in the first two games is such that new skipper Sam Good already sees promotion back to Division Two at the first attempt a distinct possibility.

After his sides four wicket win at Portland RT to remain undefeated he said: "We couldn't have started better with two victories. We have a very strong team this year and I definitely believe that promotion is a possibility based on what we have done so far. This week was another good all round performance and it augers well for the future."

Winning the toss, Good inserted the host and superb bowling on a notorious batting track saw Portland restricted to 154 all out.

Chris Backhouse took three wickets, and there was a brace apiece for Ashley Nicholls, Wes Lewis and Ashley Parker.

In addition the fielding was first class with Duane Gay's catch in the deep to dismiss Red Triangle's top scorer John Dixon the highlight.

In reply there were good solid performances from Mark Smith (27) and Gay (22), and a quickfire 20 from Dom Gape.

It was left to Backhouse (38no) and Lewis (20no) with an undefeated half century partnership to steer Bridport home to a convincing victory.

Cattistock v Martinstown No result – rain ground unfit

Division Four
Beaminster 2nd 117 all out lost to Poole 3rd 210-9 by 93 runs

BEAMINSTER Skipper Adam Herring won the toss and put Poole into bat.

Again it was a good bowling and fielding performance but the loose balls that were bowled were punished by Poole. Top performers with the ball were; Murray Legg returned figures of 45 off 12 overs, Stuart Lindsay 2 for 37 off 9 overs and Adam Herring 2 for 38 off 12 overs, including a superb caught and bowled as Poole were left rocking on 86 for 5.

The visitors eventually finished their 45 overs on 210 for 9, number 3 batsmen S Matthews hitting a superb unbeaten 110 with no other batsmen hitting over 15 runs.

Joe Singleton was unlucky not to pick up a wicket, but Will Haggerty did get his first wicket of the season, ending with figures of 1 for 22 off his 4 overs.

In reply Beaminster's openers Legg (31) and Nick Boundy (32) shared an opening partnership of 56. Once Boundy was cleaned up, there was a steady loss of wickets and the hosts collapsed to 117 all out.

Shaun Annetts batted well for his 15, with both Liam Annetts and Ben Ward playing some confident strokes before losing their wickets.

Beaminster consider Poole will be one of the stronger teams in the league and can take confidence from the six points gained from this match.

Next week the team are away to Kingston Lacy where they hope to continue building on their early season performances and look to pick up a first win of the season.

Division Five
Broadstone 4th v Weymouth 3rd No result – rain.

Division Six
Christchurch 2nd 146-5 beat
Abbotsbury 143 all out by 5 wickets

ABBOTSBURY'S early-season struggle continued with a five wicket loss after their long trip to Christchurch. With only seven players due to injuries and unavailability leaving them without a full team, they did extremely well.

Batting first, the villagers soon lost Nick Kneebone, but thanks mainly to a solid 60 from Simon Pengelly, stubbornly supported by Robin Potter (18) in a stand of 77 for the fourth wicket, they managed three batting points in a total of 143 all out.

With only seven players on the field, it was always going to be hard after tea and Christchurch moved steadily towards their target, Langdon top scoring with 28. Abbotsbury's gamble of opening the bowling with spinner Pengelly was not a notable success, but the ever-reliable Grafton Straker took three wickets in his twelve-over spell and there was also a wicket each for Gary Pittman and Ryan Beesley, his first for the club.

This was a gutsy, backs-to-the-wall performance by those present, but playing short numbers is not going to win games. If anyone would like a game and can help out, they should ring the club secretary, Mick Lydford (01305 773692).

Bridport 2nd 108 all out
lost to Blandford 3rd 109-7 by 3 wickets

A HALF-CENTURY and economical spell from veteran Rodney Gay could not prevent Bridport 2nds going down to a three wicket loss to Blandford 3rds.

Batting first Bridport's top order collapsed with only Nigel Toohill (12) getting into double figures, and the hosts were 45-6 when when Gay arrived at the crease.

However with superb support from Tom Higham who kept Gay on strike by grabbing singles at the end of the over, they carried the score past three figures before Gay departed with a fine 54 which included a number of fours.

Gay did his best with the ball as well and his economical spell of 2-20 from 10 overs restricted Blandford's reply. With fellow opening bowler Ed Halson and Dan White both claiming two wickets Bridport appeared to be in with a chance with Blandford on 65-6.

However a dogged innings from youngster Savage saw the visitors home.

Sturminster Marshall v Dorchester 3rd No result – rain

LONGHAM GARDEN MACHINERY
DORSET SUNDAY LEAGUE
Division Three
Weymouth 266-8 beat Iwerne & Fontmell 203 all out by 63 runs

Division Four
Symene 252-4 beat Lychett Minster 229-7 by 23 runs

SYMENE made it two wins in two with a good display to beat Lychett Minster.

Batting first they lost Colin Willcox cheaply and fellow opener Liam Toohill was dropped when on one. Lychett regretted that as he went on to stroke a masterful 74, before Mark Tozer with a superb 77 not out and Marcel Grunschloss with a swashbuckling 63, added over 120 runs in just 13 overs to take the target beyond 250.

Lychett were not daunted and were 155-1 in reply before Sam Challis and Willcox returned for their second spells. Challis removed both dangermen, Dennett four short of his century and Evans for 58 as the two took five wickets in five overs to quell Minster's fire, who then batted out the overs to get additional batting points.

On a day when almost 400 runs were scored, Willcox's 2-26 off 12 overs was a tremendous performance ably abetted by Challis' 3-50 off 12.

READERS MID-WESSEX LEAGUE
Division One
Middlezoy 195-7 beat Broadwindsor 120 all by 75 runs

NINE dropped catches, several of them easy, spelt disaster for Broadwindsor at Middlezoy.

For the second week running a poor performance in the field meant Broadwindsor had a far harder target than they should have, with only Ross Baker (2-40) the best of a frustrated bunch of bowlers.

Steve Phillips (22) and Dan Hillier (24) gave the Dorset side hope with a half century third wicket stand, but nobody else contributed much and they fell well short of the requirement.

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WEYMOUTH RUGBY CLUB NEWS

Mini and Youth team prize giving awards

THE Mayor of Weymouth and Portland Ann Kenwood was the guest at the Mini and Youth team prize giving where she helped present awards for the Player of the Year (POY) and Most Improved Player (MIP) together with chairman Andy Stallman and club chairman Glyn Arnold for each age group.
The winners were:
Under 7s: POY Gabriel Burton; MIP Ian Clemens
Under 8s: POY Jack Hayward; MIP James Dobson
Under 9s: POY Sam Read and Ben Robertson; aMIP Marshal Miller
Under 10s: POY Tai Thomas Day and Jessica Berry; MIP Alec Baker
Under 11s: POY Will Stone; MIP Glen Watts
Under 12s: POY George Harvey; MIP Harry Jelfs
Mr Stallman congratulated all the players and thanked coaches, team managers and volunteers for all their hard work.
Photos by CHRIS DAVIS



◆ UNDER 7s and 8s with coaches Chris Calton, Steve Hunter and team managers Karen and Jason Weston



◆ UNDER 12s with coaches Stuart Barnes, Glyn Arnold, Craig Steel and team manager Jacky Arnold.



◆ UNDER 9s and 10s with coaches Lian Berry, Paul Thomas-Day and team managers Andy Stallman and Kate Berry

Mayor presents awards to top young performers



◆ UNDER 11s with coaches Gerry Keenan, Nathan Parker, Stan Wyatt, Callum Guest, Tim Glover and team managers Giselle Wyatt and Sally Watts



◆ UNDER 6s with coaches Peter Brown, Steve Hayward and team manager Jill Hayward



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MAGPIES SNAP UP FRAMPTON

BY STUART BROOM

DORCHESTER Town swooped to sign Weymouth's teenage defender Jamie Frampton last week after the Terras failed to offer the 18-year-old new terms of re-engagement.

Frampton who is seen by many to have a talented future before him made a first team place his own last season following the turmoil at the Wessex Stadium, and was a key player on which returning management duo Ian Hutchinson and Andy Mason hoped to rebuild their side.

Frampton, who was under contract at Weymouth, became a free agent when the Terras failed to offer him new terms allowing Magpies manager Ashley Vickers to step in and sign him as a free agent.

On his signing Vickers said: "Jamie is a real talent and one for the future. I have admired his play and when he became available we stepped in. We have signed him on a one year contract as he is undecided yet whether to go on to university at the end of next season."

Vickers also beat off competition from several clubs including Blue Square South rivals Eastleigh to land the signature of Dave Allen from Bashley.

The 26-year-old striker or midfielder has been in sparking form for the Hampshire side in the Zameretto Premier league since he signed from Winchester City in November 2008.

Last season he scored 29 goals, including eight penalties in the league and three in the FA Cup, and could be the consistent 20-a-season striker that Vickers craves for to add to his squad.

Vickers said:"He is a nice lad with a good character and will fit into our set up very well. He is hungry for success and is nicknamed the 'White Drogba' by his teammates; we certainly hope he can emulate him and score with the same success as he did at Bashley."

He is a very sought-after striker, so getting him is a real bonus, and will give us a different dimension up front."

Vickers also announced last week that he has released Scott Brice, Josh Llewellyn and Ollie Barnes.

"Unfortunately we are unable to offer them anything at the moment. I am very grateful for their services and know that they will find clubs, but at this moment there is nothing for them."

Vickers is also working on the possibility of letting a couple of players go out on loan, whilst there is better news on Simon Evans. The keeper is due to have an operation on his knee next Monday and hopes to be fit for pre-season training.



◆ CHEQUE HANDOVER: Dorchester Town Supporters Trust have recently invested £1,500 into Dorchester Town Football Club and subsequently increased their shareholding in the club to an impressive 3,500 shares. Pictured above; Dave Ring, Shaun Hearn (Club chairman), John Greenslade, Dan Fuge (Trust communications officer) and Neal Butterworth (Trust representative on board of directors)

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